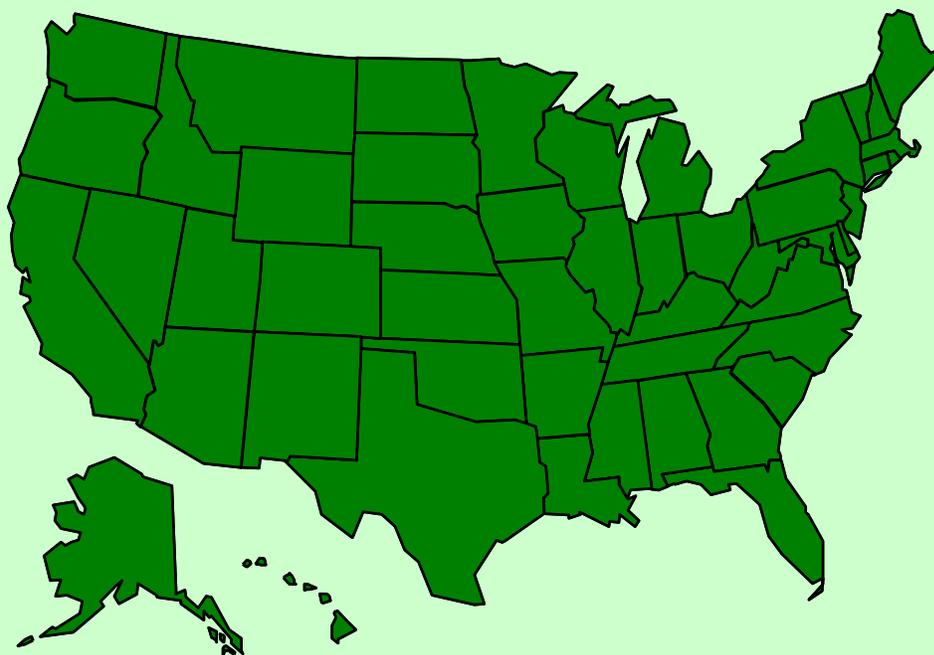


# FOOD STAMP PROGRAM STATE ACTIVITY REPORT

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**INTRODUCTION**

This is a report of State activity in the Food Stamp Program. The data contained herein is State reported data or data calculated from State reported data.

The tables are based on data for all of Fiscal Year 2003. October 2005 was set as the cutoff date for receipt of data for the States through the established reporting channels. It should be noted that the FNS-366B data is reported by State fiscal year, which varies among the States.

As may be expected in a report of this size and taken from multiple data sources, there are some apparent discrepancies in reported data. Most discrepancies are due to compiling the data at different times and from different data sources within the State. To assist the reader, we have included End Notes at the conclusion of the report identifying the data sources and other pertinent information for each individual section. All data, with two exceptions, was compiled from the National Data Bank, the official repository of Food Stamp Program data. The report, itself, was prepared by the Program Accountability Division.

We have again included a recipient claims table that reports on the methods used by State agencies to collect claims against recipient households. Some of the data included in the recipient claims table is derived from administrative offset weekly statistical reports prepared by the U. S. Department of the Treasury. We have also included data on disqualified recipients from our Disqualified Recipient Subsystem, a Federal database that provides information on disqualified recipients to State agencies. In addition, a "Rankings" section again has been included in the report. That section contains tables that rank participation and issuance data, from high to low, for each State for FY 2003.

We also wish to point out that selected program statistical data and updates on electronic benefit transfer State status are available on the Food Stamp Program web page at [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp).

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**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ACTIVITY - FY 2002-2003  
NATIONAL SUMMARY**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	FY 2002	FY 2003	PERCENT CHANGE
<b><u>PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE</u></b>			
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	19.1	21.3	11.52%
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	8.2	9.2	12.20%
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$18,256.2	\$21,404.3	17.24%
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON	\$79.67	\$83.90	5.31%
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER HOUSEHOLD	\$185.67	\$194.86	4.95%
<b><u>ISSUANCE (AS PERCENT OF TOTAL ISSUANCE)</u></b>			
EBT	85.30%	92.16%	
COUPONS	14.50%	7.64%	
CASH-OUT	0.21%	0.20%	
<b><u>STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (IN MIL \$)</u></b>			
TOTAL COSTS	\$4,944.0	\$5,024.8	1.63%
FED SHARE OF CERTIFICATION	\$1,254.4	\$1,273.2	1.50%
FED SHARE OF ISSUANCE ACTIVITY	\$157.8	\$170.1	7.79%
FED SHARE OF FRAUD CONTROL	\$114.4	\$112.6	-1.57%
FED SHARE OF TOTAL	\$2,308.3	\$2,391.7	3.61%
<b><u>FAIR HEARINGS</u></b>			
FAIR HEARING DECISIONS	41,905	35,234	-15.92%
<b><u>FRAUD CONTROL ACTIVITY</u></b>			
STATE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	833,797	863,813	3.60%
DISQ CONSENT AGREEMENTS	10,075	9,678	-3.94%
STATE PROSECUTIONS COMPLETED	12,448	9,550	-23.28%
FRAUD HEARINGS WAIVED	25,334	26,583	4.93%
FRAUD HEARINGS COMPLETED	14,582	14,896	2.15%
TOTAL DISQ DETERMINATIONS	61,034	59,200	-3.00%
<b><u>RECIPIENT CLAIMS (IN MIL \$)</u></b>			
FRAUD CLAIMS ESTABLISHED	\$25.6	\$25.7	0.39%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS ESTAB.	\$175.7	\$183.9	4.67%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS ESTAB.	\$58.6	\$52.6	-10.24%
TOTAL CLAIMS ESTABLISHED	\$259.9	\$262.2	0.89%
FRAUD CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$62.6	\$60.9	-2.72%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$111.5	\$110.7	-0.72%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$34.5	\$35.1	1.74%
TOTAL CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$208.6	\$206.8	-0.88%
FRAUD CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$18.6	\$20.2	8.60%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$51.0	\$58.0	13.73%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$18.5	\$20.9	12.97%
TOTAL CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$88.1	\$99.1	12.49%
FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTIONS	\$75.0	\$69.8	-6.93%

# STATE PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE



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**NOTABLE TRENDS**

**Participation and Issuance**

In fiscal year (FY) 2003, State agencies issued approximately \$21.4 billion in food stamp benefits to a monthly average 9.2 million households or 21.3 million people participating in the Food Stamp Program (FSP). The average monthly benefit was \$83.90 per person or \$194.86 per household. The Federal Government pays 100 percent of the benefits. In FY 2003, participation increased 11.5 percent from 19.1 million people the previous year, and issuance increased 17 percent from \$18.3 billion in FY 2002 to \$21.4 billion in FY 2003. Fifty State agencies had an increase in participation in FY 2003.

**Electronic Benefit Systems**

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 mandates that all States must convert from paper coupon systems to an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system before October 1, 2002. EBT systems issue and redeem benefits using cards, electronic funds transfer networks, and point-of-sale technology in authorized retail food stores. In FY 2003, the movement to EBT continued to make monumental strides with \$19.7 billion issued in electronic benefits to a monthly average 8.5 million households. EBT is the primary issuance system and benefit type for the FSP, accounting for 92 percent of all issuance. In September 2003, 52 States (including the District of Columbia) were operating an EBT system, with 45 States issuing electronic benefits essentially statewide in place of coupons. At the end of the fiscal year, nearly 96 percent of households were on EBT.

**Food Coupons**

In FY 2003, food coupon issuance continued to decline, accounting for just 8 percent of benefits. In EBT States coupons were only being issued as conversions of the unspent EBT balance on the card to households who were moving out of the State.

**Cash-out**

Cash-out projects are limited to certain pilot projects authorized in the Food Stamp Act that either have continued to operate since 1981 or that were approved prior to August 1996. While technically not considered part of the EBT system for issuance, redemption, and reporting purposes, States with FNS-approved cash-out issuance systems (for wage supplementation, welfare reform, or other approved demonstration projects) may issue cash-out benefits electronically, in place of paper checks. Cash-out benefits may be issued electronically via either direct deposit or debit cards which can be used at automatic teller machines to draw the funds. In FY 2003, \$42.6 million in cash-out

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benefits were issued to 58,000 households in 7 States. Cash-out represented 0.2 percent of issuance.

**Demonstration Project**

In FY 2003, FNS tested in two States a demonstration project in which elderly households could choose to receive a food package rather than the standard benefit.

**TABLE 1: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Issuance</b>
Connecticut	180,512	94,147	\$164,854,160
Maine	132,582	65,760	\$124,070,012
Massachusetts	292,200	135,195	\$253,770,540
New Hampshire	44,783	22,150	\$39,886,906
New York	1,435,986	724,420	\$1,676,508,940
Rhode Island	74,068	34,121	\$68,800,619
Vermont	41,333	20,519	\$37,629,392
Delaware	46,027	19,141	\$47,791,321
District of Columbia	81,777	39,104	\$90,113,910
Maryland	252,383	114,991	\$256,924,246
New Jersey	339,047	157,874	\$338,821,016
Pennsylvania	822,696	373,597	\$785,458,544
Virgin Islands	12,938	4,394	\$18,494,328
Virginia	392,515	173,691	\$366,217,567
West Virginia	246,890	105,365	\$216,064,512
Alabama	472,066	185,028	\$466,123,805
Florida	1,041,315	502,669	\$987,756,897
Georgia	750,208	314,687	\$782,410,897
Kentucky	502,677	209,532	\$486,231,294
Mississippi	355,783	142,641	\$335,073,821
North Carolina	649,426	276,321	\$645,418,451
South Carolina	450,556	184,771	\$443,355,574
Tennessee	728,305	314,792	\$721,795,073
Illinois	953,929	422,487	\$1,052,739,082
Indiana	470,183	196,689	\$483,700,392
Michigan	837,629	364,166	\$783,076,440
Minnesota	234,631	110,088	\$227,125,549
Ohio	855,401	379,354	\$878,758,371
Wisconsin	296,717	119,455	\$233,462,771
Arkansas	310,359	124,288	\$304,339,830
Louisiana	655,300	250,388	\$685,267,266
New Mexico	194,795	74,645	\$183,505,381
Oklahoma	380,299	152,860	\$362,454,708
Texas	1,872,473	717,238	\$1,880,851,630
Colorado	208,053	90,096	\$203,312,158
Iowa	153,816	66,436	\$149,243,938
Kansas	160,705	70,845	\$140,386,993
Missouri	591,532	248,540	\$567,586,196
Montana	71,320	30,208	\$68,950,097
Nebraska	99,243	42,507	\$89,301,593
North Dakota	39,663	17,273	\$36,702,541
South Dakota	51,176	20,018	\$50,515,052
Utah	105,630	41,282	\$102,205,565
Wyoming	25,306	10,205	\$24,054,276
Alaska	50,687	17,797	\$65,728,367
Arizona	466,151	181,145	\$497,638,214
California	1,708,522	661,262	\$1,805,546,523
Guam	23,934	7,098	\$53,437,307
Hawaii	100,382	48,766	\$156,191,451
Idaho	81,524	32,428	\$76,579,605
Nevada	111,352	49,214	\$112,673,472
Oregon	398,377	199,205	\$380,986,642
Washington	403,992	192,735	\$394,382,981
US	21,259,152	9,153,623	\$21,404,276,216

**TABLE 2: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Person</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Household</b>
Connecticut	\$76.11	\$145.92
Maine	\$77.98	\$157.23
Massachusetts	\$72.37	\$156.42
New Hampshire	\$74.22	\$150.07
New York	\$97.29	\$192.86
Rhode Island	\$77.41	\$168.03
Vermont	\$75.87	\$152.82
Delaware	\$86.53	\$208.07
District of Columbia	\$91.83	\$192.04
Maryland	\$84.83	\$186.19
New Jersey	\$83.28	\$178.85
Pennsylvania	\$79.56	\$175.20
Virgin Islands	\$119.12	\$350.74
Virginia	\$77.75	\$175.70
West Virginia	\$72.93	\$170.89
Alabama	\$82.28	\$209.93
Florida	\$79.05	\$163.75
Georgia	\$86.91	\$207.19
Kentucky	\$80.61	\$193.38
Mississippi	\$78.48	\$195.76
North Carolina	\$82.82	\$194.65
South Carolina	\$82.00	\$199.96
Tennessee	\$82.59	\$191.08
Illinois	\$91.97	\$207.65
Indiana	\$85.73	\$204.94
Michigan	\$77.91	\$179.19
Minnesota	\$80.67	\$171.93
Ohio	\$85.61	\$193.04
Wisconsin	\$65.57	\$162.87
Arkansas	\$81.72	\$204.06
Louisiana	\$87.14	\$228.07
New Mexico	\$78.50	\$204.86
Oklahoma	\$79.42	\$197.60
Texas	\$83.71	\$218.53
Colorado	\$81.43	\$188.05
Iowa	\$80.86	\$187.20
Kansas	\$72.80	\$165.14
Missouri	\$79.96	\$190.31
Montana	\$80.56	\$190.21
Nebraska	\$74.99	\$175.07
North Dakota	\$77.11	\$177.07
South Dakota	\$82.26	\$210.29
Utah	\$80.63	\$206.32
Wyoming	\$79.21	\$196.42
Alaska	\$108.06	\$307.77
Arizona	\$88.96	\$228.93
California	\$88.07	\$227.54
Guam	\$186.06	\$627.42
Hawaii	\$129.66	\$266.90
Idaho	\$78.28	\$196.79
Nevada	\$84.32	\$190.79
Oregon	\$79.70	\$159.38
Washington	\$81.35	\$170.52
US	\$83.90	\$194.86

**TABLE 3: Food Stamp Program Participation By Benefit Type - Persons - FY 2003**

	Persons Receiving Cash (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving EBT (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving Food Packages (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving Food Coupons (Monthly Average)	Total Persons
<b>STATE</b>					
Connecticut	0	180,345	181	0	180,527
Maine	0	103,973	0	80,595	184,568
Massachusetts	3	292,197	0	0	292,200
New Hampshire	0	44,783	0	0	44,783
New York	0	1,431,266	0	5,664	1,436,930
Rhode Island	0	74,068	0	0	74,068
Vermont	7,515	33,818	0	0	41,333
Delaware	0	23,221	0	41,767	64,988
District of Columbi	0	81,777	0	0	81,777
Maryland	0	252,383	0	0	252,383
New Jersey	0	339,047	0	0	339,047
Pennsylvania	0	822,696	0	0	822,696
Virgin Islands	0	11,951	0	11,842	23,793
Virginia	0	392,515	0	0	392,515
West Virginia	0	147,349	0	170,642	317,990
Alabama	0	472,066	0	0	472,066
Florida	0	1,041,315	0	0	1,041,315
Georgia	0	750,208	0	0	750,208
Kentucky	0	502,677	0	0	502,677
Mississippi	0	355,783	0	0	355,783
North Carolina	0	649,196	251	0	649,447
South Carolina	0	450,556	0	0	450,556
Tennessee	0	728,305	0	0	728,305
Illinois	0	953,929	0	0	953,929
Indiana	0	470,183	0	0	470,183
Michigan	0	837,629	0	0	837,629
Minnesota	15,139	219,491	0	1	234,631
Ohio	24,070	831,332	0	0	855,401
Wisconsin	0	296,717	0	0	296,717
Arkansas	0	310,359	0	0	310,359
Louisiana	0	655,300	0	0	655,300
New Mexico	0	194,795	0	1	194,796
Oklahoma	0	380,299	0	0	380,299
Texas	0	1,872,472	0	1	1,872,473
Colorado	0	208,053	0	0	208,053
Iowa	0	18,971	0	136,426	155,397
Kansas	0	160,705	0	1	160,706
Missouri	0	591,532	0	0	591,532
Montana	0	71,320	0	1	71,321
Nebraska	0	99,243	0	0	99,243
North Dakota	0	39,663	0	2	39,664
South Dakota	0	51,176	0	0	51,176
Utah	3,745	101,886	0	1	105,631
Wyoming	0	25,306	0	1	25,307
Alaska	0	50,686	0	2	50,688
Arizona	13	466,138	0	0	466,151
California	0	538,848	0	1,169,674	1,708,522
Guam	0	0	0	23,934	23,934
Hawaii	0	100,382	0	0	100,382
Idaho	0	81,524	0	0	81,524
Nevada	0	111,352	0	0	111,352
Oregon	16,285	382,092	0	0	398,377
Washington	0	403,992	0	0	403,992
US	66,769	19,637,817	432	1,554,169	21,259,188

**TABLE 4: Food Stamp Program Participation By Benefit Type - Households - FY 2003**

	Households Receiving Cash (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving EBT (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving Food Packages (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving Food Coupons (Monthly Average)	Total Households
<b>STATE</b>					
Connecticut	0	93,988	173	0	94,161
Maine	0	50,918	0	40,301	91,219
Massachusetts	1	135,194	0	0	135,195
New Hampshire	0	22,150	0	0	22,150
New York	0	719,700	0	5,664	725,364
Rhode Island	0	34,121	0	0	34,121
Vermont	6,952	13,567	0	0	20,519
Delaware	0	9,652	0	17,371	27,023
District of Columbi	0	39,104	0	0	39,104
Maryland	0	114,991	0	0	114,991
New Jersey	0	157,874	0	0	157,874
Pennsylvania	0	373,597	0	0	373,597
Virgin Islands	0	4,058	0	4,034	8,092
Virginia	0	173,691	0	0	173,691
West Virginia	0	63,103	0	72,450	135,553
Alabama	0	185,028	0	0	185,028
Florida	0	502,669	0	0	502,669
Georgia	0	314,687	0	0	314,687
Kentucky	0	209,532	0	0	209,532
Mississippi	0	142,641	0	0	142,641
North Carolina	0	276,107	233	0	276,340
South Carolina	0	184,771	0	0	184,771
Tennessee	0	314,792	0	0	314,792
Illinois	0	422,487	0	0	422,487
Indiana	0	196,689	0	0	196,689
Michigan	0	364,166	0	0	364,166
Minnesota	10,725	99,363	0	1	110,088
Ohio	21,463	357,891	0	0	379,354
Wisconsin	0	119,455	0	0	119,455
Arkansas	0	124,288	0	0	124,288
Louisiana	0	250,388	0	0	250,388
New Mexico	0	74,645	0	1	74,646
Oklahoma	0	152,860	0	0	152,860
Texas	0	717,237	0	1	717,238
Colorado	0	90,096	0	0	90,096
Iowa	0	8,121	0	58,992	67,113
Kansas	0	70,844	0	1	70,845
Missouri	0	248,540	0	0	248,540
Montana	0	30,208	0	1	30,209
Nebraska	0	42,506	0	0	42,507
North Dakota	0	17,273	0	1	17,273
South Dakota	0	20,018	0	0	20,018
Utah	3,534	37,747	0	1	41,283
Wyoming	0	10,205	0	1	10,206
Alaska	0	17,797	0	1	17,797
Arizona	4	181,141	0	0	181,145
California	0	211,386	0	449,876	661,262
Guam	0	0	0	7,098	7,098
Hawaii	0	48,766	0	0	48,766
Idaho	0	32,428	0	0	32,428
Nevada	0	49,214	0	0	49,214
Oregon	15,025	184,180	0	0	199,205
Washington	0	192,735	0	0	192,735
US	57,704	8,476,033	406	619,514	9,153,657

**TABLE 5: Food Stamp Program Issuance By Benefit Type - FY 2003**

	Issuance By Cash	Issuance By EBT	Issuance By Food Packages	Issuance By Food Coupons	Total Issuance
<b>STATE</b>					
Connecticut	\$0	\$164,775,028	\$79,132	\$0	\$164,854,160
Maine	\$0	\$48,665,033	\$0	\$75,404,979	\$124,070,012
Massachusetts	\$3,993	\$253,766,547	\$0	\$0	\$253,770,540
New Hampshire	\$0	\$39,886,906	\$0	\$0	\$39,886,906
New York	\$0	\$1,674,480,520	\$0	\$2,028,420	\$1,676,508,940
Rhode Island	\$0	\$68,800,619	\$0	\$0	\$68,800,619
Vermont	\$5,513,024	\$32,116,368	\$0	\$0	\$37,629,392
Delaware	\$0	\$8,152,471	\$0	\$39,638,850	\$47,791,321
District of Columbi:	\$0	\$90,113,910	\$0	\$0	\$90,113,910
Maryland	\$0	\$256,924,246	\$0	\$0	\$256,924,246
New Jersey	\$0	\$338,817,268	\$0	\$3,748	\$338,821,016
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$785,458,544	\$0	\$0	\$785,458,544
Virgin Islands	\$0	\$17,014,475	\$0	\$1,479,853	\$18,494,328
Virginia	\$0	\$366,217,567	\$0	\$0	\$366,217,567
West Virginia	\$0	\$129,410,790	\$0	\$86,653,722	\$216,064,512
Alabama	\$0	\$466,123,805	\$0	\$0	\$466,123,805
Florida	\$0	\$987,724,956	\$0	\$31,941	\$987,756,897
Georgia	\$0	\$782,386,855	\$0	\$24,042	\$782,410,897
Kentucky	\$0	\$486,208,888	\$0	\$22,406	\$486,231,294
Mississippi	\$0	\$335,061,179	\$0	\$12,642	\$335,073,821
North Carolina	\$0	\$645,314,711	\$103,740	\$0	\$645,418,451
South Carolina	\$0	\$443,340,144	\$0	\$15,430	\$443,355,574
Tennessee	\$0	\$721,774,416	\$0	\$20,657	\$721,795,073
Illinois	\$0	\$1,052,739,082	\$0	\$0	\$1,052,739,082
Indiana	\$0	\$483,670,258	\$0	\$30,134	\$483,700,392
Michigan	\$0	\$783,076,440	\$0	\$0	\$783,076,440
Minnesota	\$6,382,208	\$220,739,665	\$0	\$3,676	\$227,125,549
Ohio	\$15,561,695	\$863,196,676	\$0	\$0	\$878,758,371
Wisconsin	\$0	\$233,462,771	\$0	\$0	\$233,462,771
Arkansas	\$0	\$304,326,403	\$0	\$13,427	\$304,339,830
Louisiana	\$0	\$685,242,529	\$0	\$24,737	\$685,267,266
New Mexico	\$0	\$183,482,300	\$0	\$23,081	\$183,505,381
Oklahoma	\$0	\$362,283,823	\$0	\$170,885	\$362,454,708
Texas	\$0	\$1,880,527,798	\$0	\$323,832	\$1,880,851,630
Colorado	\$0	\$203,312,158	\$0	\$0	\$203,312,158
Iowa	\$0	\$17,189,456	\$0	\$132,054,482	\$149,243,938
Kansas	\$0	\$140,326,029	\$0	\$60,964	\$140,386,993
Missouri	\$0	\$567,582,924	\$0	\$3,272	\$567,586,196
Montana	\$0	\$68,944,251	\$0	\$5,846	\$68,950,097
Nebraska	\$0	\$89,305,548	\$0	(\$3,955)	\$89,301,593
North Dakota	\$0	\$36,688,287	\$0	\$14,254	\$36,702,541
South Dakota	\$0	\$50,513,941	\$0	\$1,111	\$50,515,052
Utah	\$2,069,333	\$100,125,561	\$0	\$10,671	\$102,205,565
Wyoming	\$0	\$24,037,322	\$0	\$16,954	\$24,054,276
Alaska	\$0	\$65,727,361	\$0	\$1,006	\$65,728,367
Arizona	\$16,752	\$497,621,034	\$0	\$428	\$497,638,214
California	\$0	\$562,273,267	\$0	\$1,243,273,256	\$1,805,546,523
Guam	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,437,307	\$53,437,307
Hawaii	\$0	\$156,191,451	\$0	\$0	\$156,191,451
Idaho	\$0	\$76,579,605	\$0	\$0	\$76,579,605
Nevada	\$0	\$112,673,472	\$0	\$0	\$112,673,472
Oregon	\$13,086,162	\$367,900,480	\$0	\$0	\$380,986,642
Washington	\$0	\$394,330,992	\$0	\$51,989	\$394,382,981
US	\$42,633,167	\$19,726,606,130	\$182,872	\$1,634,854,047	\$21,404,276,216

# ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS



**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
STATE ACTIVITY REPORT  
FY 2003**

**NOTABLE TRENDS**

**Administrative Costs**

State agency administrative costs are affected by a number of factors including participation levels, the number and salary level of State staff, inflation, the location of State agency offices, type of issuance system, worker training costs, degree of automation, level of fraud control activity, etc. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) pays approximately 50 percent of State agency administrative costs to operate the program. Total State agency administrative costs prior to Federal cost sharing were \$5.0 billion, up 2 percent from \$4.9 billion the previous year. In FY 2003, the Federal share of administrative costs increased 4 percent to just under \$2.4 billion.

The Federal share of certification costs increased 1.5 percent in FY 2003 from \$1.25 billion in FY 2002 to \$1.27 billion. The Federal share of the certification cost per case (i.e., per household) per month decreased from \$12.76 per case month to \$11.59 per case month.

**TABLE 6: Food Stamp Households - Federal Share of Selected State Administrative Costs - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Federal Share Certification Costs</b>	<b>Federal Share Issuance Costs</b>	<b>Federal Share Fraud Control Costs</b>
Connecticut	\$7,700,594	\$784,705	\$502,021
Maine	\$3,201,673	\$970,452	\$257,069
Massachusetts	\$25,376,592	\$1,657,212	\$626,793
New Hampshire	\$690,305	\$278,994	\$87,453
New York	\$111,534,779	\$7,292,331	\$22,918,438
Rhode Island	\$2,111,079	\$465,280	\$74,045
Vermont	\$501,960	\$1,062,796	\$86,199
Delaware	\$2,798,440	\$1,552,376	\$448,012
District of Columbia	\$6,711,138	\$906,554	\$393,916
Maryland	\$24,087,763	\$2,776,599	\$341,030
New Jersey	\$38,827,654	\$3,727,110	\$10,080,229
Pennsylvania	\$79,308,734	\$6,108,728	\$5,960,114
Virgin Islands	\$2,039,283	\$786,408	\$55,084
Virginia	\$46,723,306	\$6,230,747	\$1,662,050
West Virginia	\$7,152,860	\$2,573,865	\$403,532
Alabama	\$15,603,651	\$1,859,498	\$996,677
Florida	\$54,012,977	\$5,404,701	\$2,632,397
Georgia	\$33,342,208	\$2,580,738	\$4,393,258
Kentucky	\$19,974,364	\$1,840,848	\$978,520
Mississippi	\$14,955,095	\$4,386,166	\$566,307
North Carolina	\$34,940,774	\$4,776,533	\$2,773,616
South Carolina	\$12,398,829	\$3,439,077	\$1,645,154
Tennessee	\$17,671,754	\$2,115,670	\$1,242,635
Illinois	\$46,876,240	\$6,597,463	\$662,425
Indiana	\$17,204,252	\$2,348,553	\$156,826
Michigan	\$63,410,432	\$2,826,771	\$1,748,221
Minnesota	\$21,670,739	\$2,385,849	\$1,175,056
Ohio	\$42,271,443	\$13,209,001	\$2,896,639
Wisconsin	\$14,815,448	\$1,606,209	\$797,898
Arkansas	\$14,637,701	\$1,760,326	\$841,273
Louisiana	\$30,857,276	\$3,913,751	\$1,150,799
New Mexico	\$10,608,503	\$1,258,841	\$270,896
Oklahoma	\$22,026,049	\$2,627,541	\$791,901
Texas	\$116,147,290	\$9,772,247	\$2,033,964
Colorado	\$10,719,406	\$856,743	\$1,657,856
Iowa	\$9,400,112	\$1,723,246	\$313,331
Kansas	\$8,016,678	\$841,274	\$16,679
Missouri	\$28,550,112	\$2,626,124	\$565,908
Montana	\$2,838,496	\$823,602	\$71,015
Nebraska	\$8,853,581	\$1,456,903	\$135,397
North Dakota	\$2,522,475	\$428,026	\$0
South Dakota	\$2,738,195	\$477,425	\$71,106
Utah	\$10,469,641	\$793,347	\$880,695
Wyoming	\$616,938	\$224,146	\$71,332
Alaska	\$5,368,259	\$184,561	\$364,586
Arizona	\$13,597,942	\$2,145,555	\$968,388
California	\$155,824,015	\$37,941,519	\$32,399,862
Guam	\$1,093,162	\$1,271,168	\$377,478
Hawaii	\$6,461,666	\$470,800	\$705,002
Idaho	\$4,168,274	\$714,961	\$125,122
Nevada	\$6,594,570	\$950,745	\$822,169
Oregon	\$10,602,277	\$2,415,903	\$466,544
Washington	\$22,561,840	\$1,876,758	\$949,224
US	\$1,273,188,824	\$170,106,746	\$112,612,141

**TABLE 7: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of State Administrative Costs for ADP Services - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Federal Share ADP Development Costs</b>	<b>Federal Share ADP Operations Costs</b>
Connecticut	\$0	\$1,180,942
Maine	\$757,189	\$0
Massachusetts	\$0	\$355,904
New Hampshire	\$1,673	\$2,030,676
New York	\$462,701	\$10,400,237
Rhode Island	\$0	\$877,426
Vermont	\$0	\$204,232
Delaware	\$0	\$1,035,222
District of Columbia	\$0	\$766,191
Maryland	\$0	\$4,034,691
New Jersey	\$2,813,248	\$7,814,374
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$8,974,840
Virgin Islands	\$0	\$467,357
Virginia	\$0	\$7,533,815
West Virginia	\$0	\$1,676,601
Alabama	\$0	\$583,938
Florida	\$0	\$3,231,254
Georgia	\$0	\$7,326,224
Kentucky	\$0	\$904,007
Mississippi	\$0	\$1,073,868
North Carolina	\$25,049	\$1,713,729
South Carolina	\$0	\$958,639
Tennessee	\$0	\$2,633,131
Illinois	\$0	\$8,411,874
Indiana	\$0	\$2,489,919
Michigan	\$0	\$5,853,820
Minnesota	\$0	\$3,157,952
Ohio	\$0	\$4,173,158
Wisconsin	\$0	\$5,484,701
Arkansas	\$1,022,555	\$35,686
Louisiana	\$0	\$1,046,970
New Mexico	\$478,577	\$568,988
Oklahoma	\$0	\$2,244,000
Texas	\$18,595,260	\$7,198,105
Colorado	\$5,103,896	\$586,589
Iowa	\$0	\$1,192,469
Kansas	\$0	\$1,163,623
Missouri	\$1,727,468	\$996,221
Montana	\$0	\$1,053,136
Nebraska	\$0	\$1,338,387
North Dakota	\$0	\$444,760
South Dakota	\$0	\$243,575
Utah	\$0	\$347,821
Wyoming	\$116,955	\$287,620
Alaska	\$0	\$1,188,185
Arizona	\$84,737	\$361,343
California	\$25,792,947	\$21,041,648
Guam	\$0	\$1,453
Hawaii	\$0	\$1,068,811
Idaho	\$0	\$1,151,540
Nevada	\$931,835	\$251,077
Oregon	\$0	\$1,239,282
Washington	\$0	\$3,505,203
US	\$57,914,090	\$143,905,214

**TABLE 8: Food Stamp Program Total Federal Share of State Administrative Costs - FY 2003**

	<b>Federal Share State Administrative Costs</b>
<b>STATE</b>	
Connecticut	\$20,998,617
Maine	\$8,668,482
Massachusetts	\$32,603,512
New Hampshire	\$5,118,386
New York	\$255,973,704
Rhode Island	\$6,956,002
Vermont	\$5,780,027
Delaware	\$6,459,082
District of Columbia	\$10,824,334
Maryland	\$34,592,892
New Jersey	\$81,406,760
Pennsylvania	\$136,650,025
Virgin Islands	\$3,808,535
Virginia	\$71,541,581
West Virginia	\$13,381,944
Alabama	\$30,137,133
Florida	\$81,090,350
Georgia	\$60,860,270
Kentucky	\$26,451,561
Mississippi	\$25,855,278
North Carolina	\$55,783,822
South Carolina	\$22,596,127
Tennessee	\$33,360,217
Illinois	\$86,202,775
Indiana	\$37,665,239
Michigan	\$86,700,457
Minnesota	\$37,822,049
Ohio	\$101,998,668
Wisconsin	\$37,863,489
Arkansas	\$21,155,951
Louisiana	\$40,165,319
New Mexico	\$17,038,592
Oklahoma	\$30,969,607
Texas	\$175,019,122
Colorado	\$24,753,104
Iowa	\$16,381,518
Kansas	\$14,675,541
Missouri	\$42,243,539
Montana	\$7,013,243
Nebraska	\$14,022,263
North Dakota	\$5,248,852
South Dakota	\$5,634,879
Utah	\$15,935,735
Wyoming	\$3,854,806
Alaska	\$7,780,401
Arizona	\$26,082,043
California	\$403,934,848
Guam	\$3,429,388
Hawaii	\$10,306,967
Idaho	\$7,477,877
Nevada	\$10,500,814
Oregon	\$31,372,957
Washington	\$37,510,120
US	\$2,391,658,804

**TABLE 9: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Costs per Case per Month for Certification - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Federal Share Certification Costs</b>	<b>Federal Cost Per Case Per Month for Certification</b>
Connecticut	94,147	\$7,700,594	\$6.82
Maine	65,760	\$3,201,673	\$4.06
Massachusetts	135,195	\$25,376,592	\$15.64
New Hampshire	22,150	\$690,305	\$2.60
New York	724,420	\$111,534,779	\$12.83
Rhode Island	34,121	\$2,111,079	\$5.16
Vermont	20,519	\$501,960	\$2.04
Delaware	19,141	\$2,798,440	\$12.18
District of Columbia	39,104	\$6,711,138	\$14.30
Maryland	114,991	\$24,087,763	\$17.46
New Jersey	157,874	\$38,827,654	\$20.50
Pennsylvania	373,597	\$79,308,734	\$17.69
Virgin Islands	4,394	\$2,039,283	\$38.67
Virginia	173,691	\$46,723,306	\$22.42
West Virginia	105,365	\$7,152,860	\$5.66
Alabama	185,028	\$15,603,651	\$7.03
Florida	502,669	\$54,012,977	\$8.95
Georgia	314,687	\$33,342,208	\$8.83
Kentucky	209,532	\$19,974,364	\$7.94
Mississippi	142,641	\$14,955,095	\$8.74
North Carolina	276,321	\$34,940,774	\$10.54
South Carolina	184,771	\$12,398,829	\$5.59
Tennessee	314,792	\$17,671,754	\$4.68
Illinois	422,487	\$46,876,240	\$9.25
Indiana	196,689	\$17,204,252	\$7.29
Michigan	364,166	\$63,410,432	\$14.51
Minnesota	110,088	\$21,670,739	\$16.40
Ohio	379,354	\$42,271,443	\$9.29
Wisconsin	119,455	\$14,815,448	\$10.34
Arkansas	124,288	\$14,637,701	\$9.81
Louisiana	250,388	\$30,857,276	\$10.27
New Mexico	74,645	\$10,608,503	\$11.84
Oklahoma	152,860	\$22,026,049	\$12.01
Texas	717,238	\$116,147,290	\$13.49
Colorado	90,096	\$10,719,406	\$9.91
Iowa	66,436	\$9,400,112	\$11.79
Kansas	70,845	\$8,016,678	\$9.43
Missouri	248,540	\$28,550,112	\$9.57
Montana	30,208	\$2,838,496	\$7.83
Nebraska	42,507	\$8,853,581	\$17.36
North Dakota	17,273	\$2,522,475	\$12.17
South Dakota	20,018	\$2,738,195	\$11.40
Utah	41,282	\$10,469,641	\$21.13
Wyoming	10,205	\$616,938	\$5.04
Alaska	17,797	\$5,368,259	\$25.14
Arizona	181,145	\$13,597,942	\$6.26
California	661,262	\$155,824,015	\$19.64
Guam	7,098	\$1,093,162	\$12.84
Hawaii	48,766	\$6,461,666	\$11.04
Idaho	32,428	\$4,168,274	\$10.71
Nevada	49,214	\$6,594,570	\$11.17
Oregon	199,205	\$10,602,277	\$4.44
Washington	192,735	\$22,561,840	\$9.76
US	9,153,623	\$1,273,188,824	\$11.59

**TABLE 10: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total State Cost per Case per Month - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Federal Share Total Costs</b>	<b>Federal Total Cost Per Case per Month</b>
Connecticut	94,147	\$20,998,617	\$18.59
Maine	65,760	\$8,668,482	\$10.98
Massachusetts	135,195	\$32,603,512	\$20.10
New Hampshire	22,150	\$5,118,386	\$19.26
New York	724,420	\$255,973,704	\$29.45
Rhode Island	34,121	\$6,956,002	\$16.99
Vermont	20,519	\$5,780,027	\$23.47
Delaware	19,141	\$6,459,082	\$28.12
District of Columbia	39,104	\$10,824,334	\$23.07
Maryland	114,991	\$34,592,892	\$25.07
New Jersey	157,874	\$81,406,760	\$42.97
Pennsylvania	373,597	\$136,650,025	\$30.48
Virgin Islands	4,394	\$3,808,535	\$72.23
Virginia	173,691	\$71,541,581	\$34.32
West Virginia	105,365	\$13,381,944	\$10.58
Alabama	185,028	\$30,137,133	\$13.57
Florida	502,669	\$81,090,350	\$13.44
Georgia	314,687	\$60,860,270	\$16.12
Kentucky	209,532	\$26,451,561	\$10.52
Mississippi	142,641	\$25,855,278	\$15.11
North Carolina	276,321	\$55,783,822	\$16.82
South Carolina	184,771	\$22,596,127	\$10.19
Tennessee	314,792	\$33,360,217	\$8.83
Illinois	422,487	\$86,202,775	\$17.00
Indiana	196,689	\$37,665,239	\$15.96
Michigan	364,166	\$86,700,457	\$19.84
Minnesota	110,088	\$37,822,049	\$28.63
Ohio	379,354	\$101,998,668	\$22.41
Wisconsin	119,455	\$37,863,489	\$26.41
Arkansas	124,288	\$21,155,951	\$14.18
Louisiana	250,388	\$40,165,319	\$13.37
New Mexico	74,645	\$17,038,592	\$19.02
Oklahoma	152,860	\$30,969,607	\$16.88
Texas	717,238	\$175,019,122	\$20.33
Colorado	90,096	\$24,753,104	\$22.90
Iowa	66,436	\$16,381,518	\$20.55
Kansas	70,845	\$14,675,541	\$17.26
Missouri	248,540	\$42,243,539	\$14.16
Montana	30,208	\$7,013,243	\$19.35
Nebraska	42,507	\$14,022,263	\$27.49
North Dakota	17,273	\$5,248,852	\$25.32
South Dakota	20,018	\$5,634,879	\$23.46
Utah	41,282	\$15,935,735	\$32.17
Wyoming	10,205	\$3,854,806	\$31.48
Alaska	17,797	\$7,780,401	\$36.43
Arizona	181,145	\$26,082,043	\$12.00
California	661,262	\$403,934,848	\$50.90
Guam	7,098	\$3,429,388	\$40.27
Hawaii	48,766	\$10,306,967	\$17.61
Idaho	32,428	\$7,477,877	\$19.22
Nevada	49,214	\$10,500,814	\$17.78
Oregon	199,205	\$31,372,957	\$13.12
Washington	192,735	\$37,510,120	\$16.22
US	9,153,623	\$2,391,658,804	\$21.77

**TABLE 11: Food Stamp Program State Administrative Costs - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total State Administrative Costs</b>	<b>State Share Administrative Costs</b>	<b>Federal Share Administrative Costs</b>
Connecticut	\$43,860,251	\$22,861,634	\$20,998,617
Maine	\$18,197,366	\$9,528,884	\$8,668,482
Massachusetts	\$68,214,414	\$35,610,902	\$32,603,512
New Hampshire	\$11,036,513	\$5,918,127	\$5,118,386
New York	\$573,033,718	\$317,060,014	\$255,973,704
Rhode Island	\$13,837,462	\$6,881,460	\$6,956,002
Vermont	\$12,431,227	\$6,651,200	\$5,780,027
Delaware	\$14,523,520	\$8,064,438	\$6,459,082
District of Columbia	\$24,348,811	\$13,524,477	\$10,824,334
Maryland	\$72,650,528	\$38,057,636	\$34,592,892
New Jersey	\$174,406,935	\$93,000,175	\$81,406,760
Pennsylvania	\$268,148,831	\$131,498,806	\$136,650,025
Virgin Islands	\$7,079,991	\$3,271,456	\$3,808,535
Virginia	\$139,310,005	\$67,768,424	\$71,541,581
West Virginia	\$26,543,238	\$13,161,294	\$13,381,944
Alabama	\$62,311,300	\$32,174,167	\$30,137,133
Florida	\$184,321,414	\$103,231,064	\$81,090,350
Georgia	\$120,129,675	\$59,269,405	\$60,860,270
Kentucky	\$58,080,131	\$31,628,570	\$26,451,561
Mississippi	\$53,807,955	\$27,952,677	\$25,855,278
North Carolina	\$111,217,625	\$55,433,803	\$55,783,822
South Carolina	\$47,583,681	\$24,987,554	\$22,596,127
Tennessee	\$68,256,305	\$34,896,088	\$33,360,217
Illinois	\$186,948,870	\$100,746,095	\$86,202,775
Indiana	\$75,462,755	\$37,797,516	\$37,665,239
Michigan	\$188,492,892	\$101,792,435	\$86,700,457
Minnesota	\$79,399,737	\$41,577,688	\$37,822,049
Ohio	\$207,408,367	\$105,409,699	\$101,998,668
Wisconsin	\$76,290,461	\$38,426,972	\$37,863,489
Arkansas	\$43,858,759	\$22,702,808	\$21,155,951
Louisiana	\$80,857,186	\$40,691,867	\$40,165,319
New Mexico	\$36,139,705	\$19,101,113	\$17,038,592
Oklahoma	\$65,774,489	\$34,804,882	\$30,969,607
Texas	\$340,653,019	\$165,633,897	\$175,019,122
Colorado	\$52,747,723	\$27,994,619	\$24,753,104
Iowa	\$34,326,359	\$17,944,841	\$16,381,518
Kansas	\$32,480,192	\$17,804,651	\$14,675,541
Missouri	\$83,266,142	\$41,022,603	\$42,243,539
Montana	\$13,746,101	\$6,732,858	\$7,013,243
Nebraska	\$28,265,074	\$14,242,811	\$14,022,263
North Dakota	\$10,719,249	\$5,470,397	\$5,248,852
South Dakota	\$10,204,913	\$4,570,034	\$5,634,879
Utah	\$33,341,685	\$17,405,950	\$15,935,735
Wyoming	\$8,195,848	\$4,341,042	\$3,854,806
Alaska	\$16,253,177	\$8,472,776	\$7,780,401
Arizona	\$58,120,784	\$32,038,741	\$26,082,043
California	\$877,507,679	\$473,572,831	\$403,934,848
Guam	\$6,039,924	\$2,610,536	\$3,429,388
Hawaii	\$20,174,768	\$9,867,801	\$10,306,967
Idaho	\$16,192,668	\$8,714,791	\$7,477,877
Nevada	\$22,964,911	\$12,464,097	\$10,500,814
Oregon	\$67,151,998	\$35,779,041	\$31,372,957
Washington	\$78,442,991	\$40,932,871	\$37,510,120
US	\$5,024,759,322	\$2,633,100,518	\$2,391,658,804

**TABLE 12: Food Stamp Program Administrative Cost Per Case per Month - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Total State Administrative Costs</b>	<b>State Admin. Cost Per Case per Month</b>
Connecticut	94,147	\$43,860,251	\$38.82
Maine	65,760	\$18,197,366	\$23.06
Massachusetts	135,195	\$68,214,414	\$42.05
New Hampshire	22,150	\$11,036,513	\$41.52
New York	724,420	\$573,033,718	\$65.92
Rhode Island	34,121	\$13,837,462	\$33.80
Vermont	20,519	\$12,431,227	\$50.49
Delaware	19,141	\$14,523,520	\$63.23
District of Columbia	39,104	\$24,348,811	\$51.89
Maryland	114,991	\$72,650,528	\$52.65
New Jersey	157,874	\$174,406,935	\$92.06
Pennsylvania	373,597	\$268,148,831	\$59.81
Virgin Islands	4,394	\$7,079,991	\$134.27
Virginia	173,691	\$139,310,005	\$66.84
West Virginia	105,365	\$26,543,238	\$20.99
Alabama	185,028	\$62,311,300	\$28.06
Florida	502,669	\$184,321,414	\$30.56
Georgia	314,687	\$120,129,675	\$31.81
Kentucky	209,532	\$58,080,131	\$23.10
Mississippi	142,641	\$53,807,955	\$31.44
North Carolina	276,321	\$111,217,625	\$33.54
South Carolina	184,771	\$47,583,681	\$21.46
Tennessee	314,792	\$68,256,305	\$18.07
Illinois	422,487	\$186,948,870	\$36.87
Indiana	196,689	\$75,462,755	\$31.97
Michigan	364,166	\$188,492,892	\$43.13
Minnesota	110,088	\$79,399,737	\$60.10
Ohio	379,354	\$207,408,367	\$45.56
Wisconsin	119,455	\$76,290,461	\$53.22
Arkansas	124,288	\$43,858,759	\$29.41
Louisiana	250,388	\$80,857,186	\$26.91
New Mexico	74,645	\$36,139,705	\$40.35
Oklahoma	152,860	\$65,774,489	\$35.86
Texas	717,238	\$340,653,019	\$39.58
Colorado	90,096	\$52,747,723	\$48.79
Iowa	66,436	\$34,326,359	\$43.06
Kansas	70,845	\$32,480,192	\$38.21
Missouri	248,540	\$83,266,142	\$27.92
Montana	30,208	\$13,746,101	\$37.92
Nebraska	42,507	\$28,265,074	\$55.41
North Dakota	17,273	\$10,719,249	\$51.72
South Dakota	20,018	\$10,204,913	\$42.48
Utah	41,282	\$33,341,685	\$67.30
Wyoming	10,205	\$8,195,848	\$66.92
Alaska	17,797	\$16,253,177	\$76.10
Arizona	181,145	\$58,120,784	\$26.74
California	661,262	\$877,507,679	\$110.58
Guam	7,098	\$6,039,924	\$70.92
Hawaii	48,766	\$20,174,768	\$34.48
Idaho	32,428	\$16,192,668	\$41.61
Nevada	49,214	\$22,964,911	\$38.89
Oregon	199,205	\$67,151,998	\$28.09
Washington	192,735	\$78,442,991	\$33.92
US	9,153,623	\$5,024,759,322	\$45.74

# FAIR HEARINGS



***FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
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**NOTABLE TRENDS**

**Fair Hearings**

Food Stamp Program regulations provide recourse to households that have their benefits denied or their allotment reduced, suspended or cancelled as a result of an adverse decision by the State agency. This recourse is called the fair hearing process. The number of fair hearings conducted by States is reported annually on Form FNS-366B, the Program Activity Statement.

In FY 2003, the number of fair hearings declined by 16 percent. Nationally, approximately 3.8 hearings were conducted for every 1,000 households participating. In FY 2003, 68 percent of fair hearings upheld the caseworker's decision compared to 61 percent in FY 2002. A total of 35 States had case worker decisions affirmed in at least 75 percent of the hearings.

**TABLE 13: Food Stamp Program Fair Hearings Upheld and Reversed - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Fair Hearings Upheld</b>	<b>Fair Hearings Reversed</b>	<b>Percent Upheld</b>
Connecticut	204	92	68.92%
Maine	13	6	68.42%
Massachusetts	489	164	74.89%
New Hampshire	9	0	100.00%
New York	1,233	4,019	23.48%
Rhode Island	12	15	44.44%
Vermont	29	2	93.55%
Delaware	18	13	58.06%
District of Columbia	22	8	73.33%
Maryland	106	26	80.30%
New Jersey	40	12	76.92%
Pennsylvania	5,220	517	90.99%
Virgin Islands	7	0	100.00%
Virginia	229	105	68.56%
West Virginia	46	20	69.70%
Alabama	107	24	81.68%
Florida	564	181	75.70%
Georgia	1,351	43	96.92%
Kentucky	63	12	84.00%
Mississippi	194	16	92.38%
North Carolina	768	31	96.12%
South Carolina	122	21	85.31%
Tennessee	140	32	81.40%
Illinois	208	27	88.51%
Indiana	123	50	71.10%
Michigan	450	134	77.05%
Minnesota	348	62	84.88%
Ohio	1,774	1,315	57.43%
Wisconsin	353	257	57.87%
Arkansas	422	18	95.91%
Louisiana	243	29	89.34%
New Mexico	139	8	94.56%
Oklahoma	18	13	58.06%
Texas	3,062	1,416	68.38%
Colorado	159	27	85.48%
Iowa	88	28	75.86%
Kansas	114	4	96.61%
Missouri	307	76	80.16%
Montana	182	9	95.29%
Nebraska	127	22	85.23%
North Dakota	9	0	100.00%
South Dakota	9	2	81.82%
Utah	87	4	95.60%
Wyoming	7	0	100.00%
Alaska	10	3	76.92%
Arizona	87	205	29.79%
California	4,393	1,935	69.42%
Guam	0	0	N/A
Hawaii	108	29	78.83%
Idaho	23	5	82.14%
Nevada	37	1	97.37%
Oregon	101	10	90.99%
Washington	144	68	67.92%
US	24,118	11,116	68.45%

# FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISQ. HEARINGS



**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
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**NOTABLE TRENDS**

**Fraud Control**

In FY 2003, State fraud investigations increased to 863,813, compared to 833,797 in FY 2002, a 4 percent increase. Prosecution activity declined slightly from the previous year while administrative fraud hearing activity increased. In FY 2003, the number of recipients disqualified from the Food Stamp Program for an intentional program violation declined to 59,200, a 3 percent decline from the previous year. About 68 percent of the disqualifications came out of the administrative fraud hearing process, compared to 64 percent in the prior year.

On the Federal level, FNS operates the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS). DRS is a centralized national database, utilizing data submitted each month by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, that tracks individuals disqualified from participation in the FSP for intentional program violations. DRS assists States in assigning the correct penalty, which varies by the type and number of the offense, to individuals being disqualified. It also assists States in preventing these individuals from crossing State lines and participating in another State during the period of their disqualification. Because an individual may be permanently disqualified, these records are held indefinitely. As of September 2003, this Federal database had records on over 912,000 recipients and over 981,000 disqualifications.

**TABLE 14: Food Stamp Program Recipient Fraud Investigations - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Pre-cert Investigations Negative</b>	<b>Pre-cert Investigations Positive</b>	<b>Post-Cert Investigations Negative</b>	<b>Post-Cert Investigations Positive</b>	<b>Total Investigations Completed</b>	<b>Fraud Dollars Determined by Post-Cert Investigations</b>
Connecticut	1,838	998	816	183	3,835	\$279,698
Maine	0	0	337	33	370	\$105,357
Massachusetts	0	0	3,985	1,065	5,050	\$808,892
New Hampshire	44	41	631	125	841	\$192,111
New York	77,795	46,484	7,961	8,941	141,181	\$4,251,568
Rhode Island	1,455	217	767	31	2,470	\$56,797
Vermont	18	10	246	103	377	\$206,437
Delaware	619	324	51,280	1,311	53,534	\$293,792
District of Columbia	55	95	511	245	906	\$1,372,612
Maryland	326	46	3,567	898	4,837	\$1,417,972
New Jersey	1,295	931	9,718	3,877	15,821	\$2,041,411
Pennsylvania	15,165	22,031	4,326	1,826	43,348	\$2,292,054
Virgin Islands	0	1,782	16	12	1,810	\$28,433
Virginia	1,370	170	6,537	1,575	9,652	\$1,083,641
West Virginia	199	230	1,417	1,526	3,372	\$715,774
Alabama	125	312	738	477	1,652	\$852,537
Florida	4,160	12,520	46,085	5,079	67,844	\$3,451,311
Georgia	5,855	5,101	8,121	8,049	27,126	\$7,068,699
Kentucky	27	26	127	429	609	\$1,221,218
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
North Carolina	996	429	7,641	1,941	11,007	\$2,655,052
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Tennessee	0	0	16,937	15,621	32,558	\$11,880,363
Illinois	0	0	43	705	748	\$2,000,922
Indiana	43	2	847	101	993	\$115,820
Michigan	0	0	818	1,153	1,971	\$1,480,429
Minnesota	3,583	2,407	609	549	7,148	\$614,947
Ohio	3,180	1,019	24,041	1,883	30,123	\$2,787,418
Wisconsin	1,596	1,520	771	1,576	5,463	\$1,361,491
Arkansas	115	83	4,091	3,137	7,426	\$2,325,938
Louisiana	0	0	124	1,531	1,655	\$1,437,132
New Mexico	0	0	74	186	260	\$74,772
Oklahoma	0	0	1,610	149	1,759	\$170,078
Texas	715	756	1,551	8,402	11,424	\$7,568,966
Colorado	525	234	4,175	1,828	6,762	\$199,203
Iowa	18	43	107	416	584	\$774,382
Kansas	447	655	383	1,046	2,531	\$1,179,563
Missouri	0	0	745	1,392	2,137	\$1,622,066
Montana	9	33	200	723	965	\$268,967
Nebraska	93	167	58	137	455	\$118,342
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
South Dakota	29	126	131	194	480	\$152,313
Utah	1,143	606	5,508	923	8,180	\$398,667
Wyoming	0	0	204	151	355	\$126,209
Alaska	381	201	479	162	1,223	\$132,316
Arizona	1,116	2,400	3,061	10,322	16,899	\$774,112
California	105,100	41,964	152,745	6,674	306,483	\$2,669,600
Guam	0	0	116	13	129	\$5,039
Hawaii	0	0	505	279	784	\$742,508
Idaho	0	0	125	175	300	\$204,519
Nevada	213	292	740	829	2,074	\$181,008
Oregon	0	0	1,236	718	1,954	\$755,184
Washington	7,539	6,687	31	91	14,348	\$93,020
US	237,187	150,942	376,892	98,792	863,813	\$72,610,660

**TABLE 15: Food Stamp Program State Prosecutions - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Disqualification Consent Agreement</b>	<b>Convictions</b>	<b>Acquittals</b>	<b>Total Disq. Disqualifications From Prosecutions</b>
Connecticut	0	14	6	14
Maine	0	6	0	6
Massachusetts	0	200	25	200
New Hampshire	0	28	0	28
New York	695	511	5	1,206
Rhode Island	0	0	1	0
Vermont	0	7	0	7
Delaware	23	62	18	85
District of Columbia	21	1	0	22
Maryland	5	13	1	18
New Jersey	48	296	10	344
Pennsylvania	567	437	9	1,004
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	339	1	339
West Virginia	0	119	0	119
Alabama	0	109	0	109
Florida	0	414	16	414
Georgia	2,629	44	19	2,673
Kentucky	0	135	20	135
Mississippi	1,743	12	0	1,755
North Carolina	14	263	5	277
South Carolina	0	56	0	56
Tennessee	0	81	0	81
Illinois	0	51	0	51
Indiana	0	33	10	33
Michigan	1,075	166	1	1,241
Minnesota	0	290	9	290
Ohio	1,228	457	23	1,685
Wisconsin	24	72	9	96
Arkansas	0	43	0	43
Louisiana	12	43	0	55
New Mexico	0	17	0	17
Oklahoma	225	68	0	293
Texas	475	482	84	957
Colorado	79	104	1	183
Iowa	54	34	0	88
Kansas	222	260	0	482
Missouri	35	91	0	126
Montana	0	8	0	8
Nebraska	0	9	0	9
North Dakota	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	1	2	0	3
Utah	3	216	114	219
Wyoming	0	7	0	7
Alaska	0	10	0	10
Arizona	0	36	0	36
California	458	3,359	17	3,817
Guam	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	25	84	0	109
Idaho	3	14	0	17
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Oregon	14	27	3	41
Washington	0	13	0	13
US	9,678	9,143	407	18,821

**TABLE 16: Food Stamp Program State Prosecutions - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Disq. Consent Agreements and Convictions</b>	<b>Amount of Fraud Determined</b>	<b>Average Amount of Fraud per DCA or Conviction</b>
Connecticut	14	\$57,878	\$4,134
Maine	6	\$32,936	\$5,489
Massachusetts	200	\$625,048	\$3,125
New Hampshire	28	\$55,117	\$1,968
New York	1,206	\$453,640	\$376
Rhode Island	0	\$20,498	N/A
Vermont	7	\$33,184	\$4,741
Delaware	85	\$168,970	\$1,988
District of Columbia	22	\$574,557	\$26,116
Maryland	18	\$20,088	\$1,116
New Jersey	344	\$636,703	\$1,851
Pennsylvania	1,004	\$1,483,974	\$1,478
Virgin Islands	0	\$0	N/A
Virginia	339	\$589,504	\$1,739
West Virginia	119	\$458,828	\$3,856
Alabama	109	\$432,536	\$3,968
Florida	414	\$622,632	\$1,504
Georgia	2,673	\$3,096,302	\$1,158
Kentucky	135	\$533,210	\$3,950
Mississippi	1,755	\$1,326,826	\$756
North Carolina	277	\$771,021	\$2,783
South Carolina	56	\$135,088	\$2,412
Tennessee	81	\$119,541	\$1,476
Illinois	51	\$335,738	\$6,583
Indiana	33	\$82,707	\$2,506
Michigan	1,241	\$2,144,900	\$1,728
Minnesota	290	\$253,474	\$874
Ohio	1,685	\$1,579,580	\$937
Wisconsin	96	\$119,569	\$1,246
Arkansas	43	\$79,673	\$1,853
Louisiana	55	\$150,598	\$2,738
New Mexico	17	\$164,362	\$9,668
Oklahoma	293	\$357,274	\$1,219
Texas	957	\$3,274,654	\$3,422
Colorado	183	\$303,100	\$1,656
Iowa	88	\$226,854	\$2,578
Kansas	482	\$412,804	\$856
Missouri	126	\$114,819	\$911
Montana	8	\$21,845	\$2,731
Nebraska	9	\$10,717	\$1,191
North Dakota	0	\$0	N/A
South Dakota	3	\$8,206	\$2,735
Utah	219	\$432,909	\$1,977
Wyoming	7	\$28,804	\$4,115
Alaska	10	\$87,261	\$8,726
Arizona	36	\$67,049	\$1,862
California	3,817	\$1,526,800	\$400
Guam	0	\$0	N/A
Hawaii	109	\$435,767	\$3,998
Idaho	17	\$52,410	\$3,083
Nevada	0	\$0	N/A
Oregon	41	\$42,000	\$1,024
Washington	13	\$15,244	\$1,173
US	18,821	\$24,577,199	\$1,306

**TABLE 17: Food Stamp Program Administrative Disqualification Hearings - FY 2003**

	Waived Hearings	Hearing Convictions Upheld	Hearings Acquittals	Total Disq. from Admin. Disq. Hearings
<b>STATE</b>				
Connecticut	73	15	0	88
Maine	23	47	10	70
Massachusetts	19	217	6	236
New Hampshire	63	0	0	63
New York	506	894	119	1,400
Rhode Island	18	8	1	26
Vermont	79	9	2	88
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	6	0	0	6
Maryland	459	18	0	477
New Jersey	1,921	155	0	2,076
Pennsylvania	644	27	3	671
Virgin Islands	11	7	0	18
Virginia	979	156	27	1,135
West Virginia	251	57	14	308
Alabama	335	234	6	569
Florida	3,958	363	27	4,321
Georgia	3,200	666	30	3,866
Kentucky	0	40	12	40
Mississippi	203	1,762	87	1,965
North Carolina	978	879	30	1,857
South Carolina	745	1,167	51	1,912
Tennessee	2,233	37	12	2,270
Illinois	408	489	8	897
Indiana	77	195	9	272
Michigan	51	407	0	458
Minnesota	736	0	0	736
Ohio	722	378	45	1,100
Wisconsin	71	15	7	86
Arkansas	388	170	5	558
Louisiana	370	979	10	1,349
New Mexico	39	58	3	97
Oklahoma	17	75	8	92
Texas	3,018	2,311	431	5,329
Colorado	318	123	19	441
Iowa	0	41	6	41
Kansas	47	232	14	279
Missouri	1,070	243	11	1,313
Montana	584	139	5	723
Nebraska	75	97	2	172
North Dakota	99	14	0	113
South Dakota	77	23	1	100
Utah	0	20	2	20
Wyoming	75	73	4	148
Alaska	151	11	0	162
Arizona	9	53	2	62
California	241	648	43	889
Guam	12	12	0	24
Hawaii	517	95	15	612
Idaho	241	23	5	264
Nevada	153	70	8	223
Oregon	312	38	0	350
Washington	1	6	0	7
US	26,583	13,796	1,100	40,379

**TABLE 18: Food Stamp Administrative Disqualification Hearings - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Waived and Upheld Hearings</b>	<b>Amount of Fraud Determined</b>	<b>Average Amount of Fraud per Waived or Upheld Hearing</b>
Connecticut	88	\$96,101	\$1,092
Maine	70	\$379,897	\$5,427
Massachusetts	236	\$95,435	\$404
New Hampshire	63	\$84,718	\$1,345
New York	1,400	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	26	\$48,059	\$1,848
Vermont	88	\$20,039	\$228
Delaware	0	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	6	N/A	N/A
Maryland	477	\$1,090,032	\$2,285
New Jersey	2,076	\$2,836,705	\$1,366
Pennsylvania	671	\$322,987	\$481
Virgin Islands	18	\$20,999	\$1,167
Virginia	1,135	\$494,137	\$435
West Virginia	308	\$312,996	\$1,016
Alabama	569	\$316,985	\$557
Florida	4,321	\$2,392,539	\$554
Georgia	3,866	\$2,736,555	\$708
Kentucky	40	\$37,277	\$932
Mississippi	1,965	\$1,032,048	\$525
North Carolina	1,857	\$2,116,957	\$1,140
South Carolina	1,912	\$1,590,819	\$832
Tennessee	2,270	\$4,156,561	\$1,831
Illinois	897	\$1,269,299	\$1,415
Indiana	272	\$177,561	\$653
Michigan	458	\$538,589	\$1,176
Minnesota	736	\$337,485	\$459
Ohio	1,100	\$1,215,638	\$1,105
Wisconsin	86	\$89,503	\$1,041
Arkansas	558	\$609,669	\$1,093
Louisiana	1,349	\$1,199,964	\$890
New Mexico	97	\$122,151	\$1,259
Oklahoma	92	\$75,960	\$826
Texas	5,329	\$2,953,623	\$554
Colorado	441	\$615,386	\$1,395
Iowa	41	\$320,501	\$7,817
Kansas	279	\$151,839	\$544
Missouri	1,313	\$855,160	\$651
Montana	723	\$46,125	\$64
Nebraska	172	\$155,818	\$906
North Dakota	113	\$36,234	\$321
South Dakota	100	\$103,501	\$1,035
Utah	20	\$36,656	\$1,833
Wyoming	148	\$65,633	\$443
Alaska	162	\$132,316	\$817
Arizona	62	\$148,309	\$2,392
California	889	N/A	N/A
Guam	24	\$3,774	\$157
Hawaii	612	\$373,920	\$611
Idaho	264	\$96,160	\$364
Nevada	223	\$202,825	\$910
Oregon	350	\$520,880	\$1,488
Washington	7	\$3,600	\$514
US	40,379	\$32,639,925	\$808

**TABLE 19: Food Stamp Program Average Amount of Fraud per Hearing or Prosecution - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Average Amount of Fraud per DCA or Conviction</b>	<b>Average Amount of Fraud per Waived or Upheld Hearing</b>
Connecticut	\$4,134	\$1,092
Maine	\$5,489	\$5,427
Massachusetts	\$3,125	\$404
New Hampshire	\$1,968	\$1,345
New York	\$376	N/A
Rhode Island	N/A	\$1,848
Vermont	\$4,741	\$228
Delaware	\$1,988	N/A
District of Columbia	\$26,116	N/A
Maryland	\$1,116	\$2,285
New Jersey	\$1,851	\$1,366
Pennsylvania	\$1,478	\$481
Virgin Islands	N/A	\$1,167
Virginia	\$1,739	\$435
West Virginia	\$3,856	\$1,016
Alabama	\$3,968	\$557
Florida	\$1,504	\$554
Georgia	\$1,158	\$708
Kentucky	\$3,950	\$932
Mississippi	\$756	\$525
North Carolina	\$2,783	\$1,140
South Carolina	\$2,412	\$832
Tennessee	\$1,476	\$1,831
Illinois	\$6,583	\$1,415
Indiana	\$2,506	\$653
Michigan	\$1,728	\$1,176
Minnesota	\$874	\$459
Ohio	\$937	\$1,105
Wisconsin	\$1,246	\$1,041
Arkansas	\$1,853	\$1,093
Louisiana	\$2,738	\$890
New Mexico	\$9,668	\$1,259
Oklahoma	\$1,219	\$826
Texas	\$3,422	\$554
Colorado	\$1,656	\$1,395
Iowa	\$2,578	\$7,817
Kansas	\$856	\$544
Missouri	\$911	\$651
Montana	\$2,731	\$64
Nebraska	\$1,191	\$906
North Dakota	N/A	\$321
South Dakota	\$2,735	\$1,035
Utah	\$1,977	\$1,833
Wyoming	\$4,115	\$443
Alaska	\$8,726	\$817
Arizona	\$1,862	\$2,392
California	\$400	N/A
Guam	N/A	\$157
Hawaii	\$3,998	\$611
Idaho	\$3,083	\$364
Nevada	N/A	\$910
Oregon	\$1,024	\$1,488
Washington	\$1,173	\$514
US	\$1,306	\$808

**TABLE 20: Food Stamp Program Disqualification Determinations - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Disqualifications From Prosecutions</b>	<b>Total Disqualifications from Admin. Disq. Hearings</b>	<b>Total Disqualified</b>
Connecticut	14	88	102
Maine	6	70	76
Massachusetts	200	236	436
New Hampshire	28	63	91
New York	1,206	1,400	2,606
Rhode Island	0	26	26
Vermont	7	88	95
Delaware	85	0	85
District of Columbia	22	6	28
Maryland	18	477	495
New Jersey	344	2,076	2,420
Pennsylvania	1,004	671	1,675
Virgin Islands	0	18	18
Virginia	339	1,135	1,474
West Virginia	119	308	427
Alabama	109	569	678
Florida	414	4,321	4,735
Georgia	2,673	3,866	6,539
Kentucky	135	40	175
Mississippi	1,755	1,965	3,720
North Carolina	277	1,857	2,134
South Carolina	56	1,912	1,968
Tennessee	81	2,270	2,351
Illinois	51	897	948
Indiana	33	272	305
Michigan	1,241	458	1,699
Minnesota	290	736	1,026
Ohio	1,685	1,100	2,785
Wisconsin	96	86	182
Arkansas	43	558	601
Louisiana	55	1,349	1,404
New Mexico	17	97	114
Oklahoma	293	92	385
Texas	957	5,329	6,286
Colorado	183	441	624
Iowa	88	41	129
Kansas	482	279	761
Missouri	126	1,313	1,439
Montana	8	723	731
Nebraska	9	172	181
North Dakota	0	113	113
South Dakota	3	100	103
Utah	219	20	239
Wyoming	7	148	155
Alaska	10	162	172
Arizona	36	62	98
California	3,817	889	4,706
Guam	0	24	24
Hawaii	109	612	721
Idaho	17	264	281
Nevada	0	223	223
Oregon	41	350	391
Washington	13	7	20
US	18,821	40,379	59,200

# DISQUALIFIED RECIPIENTS



**TABLE 21: Food Stamp Program Federal Disqualified Recipients Database as of September 30, 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>Total Disqualifications</b>
Connecticut	2,173	2,211
Maine	1,363	1,373
Massachusetts	10,723	12,518
New Hampshire	3,211	3,351
New York	46,220	47,968
Rhode Island	1,281	1,495
Vermont	1,377	1,502
Delaware	689	703
District of Columbia	1,150	1,221
Maryland	7,059	7,848
New Jersey	25,166	30,804
Pennsylvania	30,674	31,453
Virgin Islands	162	167
Virginia	14,289	15,276
West Virginia	6,900	7,187
Alabama	28,112	30,030
Florida	48,435	51,469
Georgia	87,104	99,115
Kentucky	22,421	23,611
Mississippi	50,124	55,306
North Carolina	27,014	28,302
South Carolina	25,602	27,869
Tennessee	40,494	43,811
Illinois	18,925	19,486
Indiana	7,546	7,600
Michigan	58,216	61,358
Minnesota	12,885	13,790
Ohio	33,090	35,421
Wisconsin	7,684	8,238
Arkansas	2,383	2,455
Louisiana	16,741	17,189
New Mexico	1,358	1,511
Oklahoma	8,285	8,720
Texas	48,069	50,396
Colorado	25,260	27,248
Iowa	2,456	2,622
Kansas	7,821	8,621
Missouri	40,179	43,729
Montana	2,269	2,296
Nebraska	812	851
North Dakota	2,316	2,611
South Dakota	2,700	2,905
Utah	2,088	2,205
Wyoming	1,303	1,435
Alaska	729	757
Arizona	8,946	9,253
California	75,510	78,695
Guam	774	777
Hawaii	11,310	12,305
Idaho	5,426	6,075
Nevada	6,483	6,857
Oregon	16,412	18,806
Washington	2,405	2,548
US	912,124	981,350

# RECIPIENT CLAIMS



**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
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**NOTABLE TRENDS**

**Recipient Claim Collections**

Recipient claims are established against any household that has received more food stamp benefits than it is entitled to receive. Claims fall in three categories: intentional program violation (fraud claims), inadvertent household error, or agency error. State agencies are entitled to 35 percent of fraud claims and certain inadvertent household error claims collected and 20 percent of the remaining inadvertent household error claims collected.

In FY 2003, State agencies established \$262 million in new claims against households for overissuances and collected \$206.8 million. The average new claim established was for \$397. Collections declined 0.9 percent in FY 2003. Collections via recoupment, in which the State agency uses a part of the benefit otherwise payable to the household to pay an outstanding claim, increased in FY 2003 due to the increase in participation.

During the fiscal year over \$69.8 million out of the total State agency collections reported above was collected by the Federal Government through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). As a participating partner in this program, State agencies notify the household and then send the delinquent claims through FNS to Treasury for possible collection under this program. This Federal program offsets amounts from any eligible Federal payment otherwise due a household and uses those funds to pay the outstanding claim. The collections are made by Treasury on behalf of the FSP. The Federal collections make up 34 percent of total State agency collections for FY 2003. In FY 2003, 52 State agencies participated in the Federal debt collection program. Since its inception in FY 1992, the Federal debt collection program has collected \$616 million in food stamp recipient claims.

**TABLE 22: Food Stamp Program New Claims Established - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Fraud Claims Established</b>	<b>Household Error Established</b>	<b>Agency Error Established</b>	<b>Total Claims Established</b>
Connecticut	\$75,509	\$1,138,904	\$695,146	\$1,909,559
Maine	\$14,359	\$69,927	\$41,107	\$125,393
Massachusetts	\$134,577	\$645,792	\$93,308	\$873,677
New Hampshire	\$116,954	\$264,779	\$93,373	\$475,106
New York	\$1,910,648	\$8,482,189	\$2,335,108	\$12,727,945
Rhode Island	\$70,577	\$593,639	\$95,451	\$759,667
Vermont	\$135,586	\$213,508	\$62,975	\$412,069
Delaware	\$12,037	\$464,452	\$71,437	\$547,926
District of Columbia	\$0	\$721,389	\$19,537	\$740,926
Maryland	\$255,055	\$2,278,362	\$829,708	\$3,363,125
New Jersey	\$566,017	\$5,738,736	\$489,201	\$6,793,954
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$15,589,984	\$1,814,110	\$17,404,093
Virgin Islands	\$0	\$122,665	\$26,158	\$148,823
Virginia	\$749,862	\$1,753,694	\$472,849	\$2,976,405
West Virginia	\$965,631	\$2,160,495	\$704,223	\$3,830,349
Alabama	\$109,402	\$1,536,369	\$620,058	\$2,265,829
Florida	\$36,708	\$7,861,292	\$2,723,292	\$10,621,291
Georgia	\$2,111,549	\$6,232,640	\$1,590,819	\$9,935,008
Kentucky	\$1,012,103	\$1,008,907	\$498,944	\$2,519,954
Mississippi	\$510,102	\$1,656,883	\$379,763	\$2,546,748
North Carolina	\$1,630,546	\$3,422,656	\$806,472	\$5,859,674
South Carolina	\$40,591	\$6,676,719	\$1,283,754	\$8,001,065
Tennessee	\$1,410,286	\$7,820,102	\$310,558	\$9,540,946
Illinois	\$0	\$11,968,045	\$1,666,179	\$13,634,224
Indiana	\$725,422	\$2,468,542	\$290,131	\$3,484,095
Michigan	\$952,748	\$866,480	\$606,597	\$2,425,825
Minnesota	\$354,674	\$3,449,114	\$807,335	\$4,611,123
Ohio	\$1,122,425	\$4,818,692	\$1,614,620	\$7,555,737
Wisconsin	\$123,442	\$2,707,644	\$309,133	\$3,140,219
Arkansas	\$408,911	\$304,021	\$46,526	\$759,458
Louisiana	\$411,472	\$2,602,717	\$411,336	\$3,425,525
New Mexico	\$155,153	\$858,608	\$317,572	\$1,331,333
Oklahoma	\$76,483	\$670,368	\$210,602	\$957,453
Texas	\$2,165,444	\$15,238,817	\$3,020,424	\$20,424,686
Colorado	\$377,801	\$1,226,730	\$478,541	\$2,083,071
Iowa	\$25,526	\$520,274	\$175,398	\$721,198
Kansas	\$199,937	\$2,095,867	\$456,189	\$2,751,993
Missouri	\$156,352	\$2,424,691	\$644,284	\$3,225,326
Montana	\$188,735	\$306,039	\$190,982	\$685,755
Nebraska	\$1,385	\$674,313	\$232,699	\$908,397
North Dakota	\$34,091	\$220,396	\$98,408	\$352,895
South Dakota	\$56,154	\$328,518	\$58,692	\$443,364
Utah	\$7,015	\$1,191,148	\$347,019	\$1,545,182
Wyoming	\$19,312	\$153,320	\$24,243	\$196,875
Alaska	\$133,817	\$283,760	\$135,164	\$552,741
Arizona	\$103,791	\$1,668,187	\$745,977	\$2,517,955
California	\$3,711,661	\$40,137,607	\$21,579,903	\$65,429,171
Guam	\$1,572	\$28,125	\$1,817	\$31,514
Hawaii	\$1,551,549	\$2,938,824	\$641,179	\$5,131,552
Idaho	\$188,772	\$259,623	\$113,685	\$562,080
Nevada	\$130,335	\$537,175	\$73,701	\$741,211
Oregon	\$272,693	\$3,517,410	\$606,306	\$4,396,409
Washington	\$136,008	\$2,980,794	\$647,444	\$3,764,245
US	\$25,660,778	\$183,899,931	\$52,609,436	\$262,170,146

**TABLE 23: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims - Number of New Claims Established - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Number of Fraud Claims Established</b>	<b>Number of Household Error Established</b>	<b>Number of Agency Error Established</b>	<b>Number of Total Claims Established</b>
Connecticut	46	2,402	3,626	6,074
Maine	18	145	135	298
Massachusetts	208	1,290	267	1,765
New Hampshire	77	491	206	774
New York	1,772	13,022	5,009	19,803
Rhode Island	46	878	134	1,058
Vermont	95	424	130	649
Delaware	14	857	113	984
District of Columbia	0	1,020	53	1,073
Maryland	137	4,343	2,750	7,230
New Jersey	512	9,138	1,231	10,881
Pennsylvania	0	48,245	6,592	54,837
Virgin Islands	0	242	101	343
Virginia	1,007	4,053	1,949	7,009
West Virginia	558	5,275	1,836	7,669
Alabama	178	1,620	1,813	3,611
Florida	41	15,458	7,752	23,251
Georgia	2,431	9,678	8,318	20,427
Kentucky	546	1,434	1,100	3,080
Mississippi	805	4,297	2,178	7,280
North Carolina	1,207	4,922	2,371	8,500
South Carolina	50	8,270	2,454	10,774
Tennessee	822	9,637	686	11,145
Illinois	0	11,705	3,943	15,648
Indiana	383	3,057	649	4,089
Michigan	492	2,440	395	3,327
Minnesota	401	7,875	2,923	11,199
Ohio	1,547	10,915	4,396	16,858
Wisconsin	164	5,187	1,145	6,496
Arkansas	381	253	156	790
Louisiana	239	3,996	658	4,893
New Mexico	86	3,898	2,503	6,487
Oklahoma	33	905	556	1,494
Texas	2,639	36,321	8,307	47,267
Colorado	303	1,747	1,234	3,284
Iowa	42	1,004	943	1,989
Kansas	217	4,813	2,902	7,932
Missouri	79	3,350	1,405	4,834
Montana	239	781	801	1,821
Nebraska	5	1,763	1,216	2,984
North Dakota	49	806	775	1,630
South Dakota	44	1,355	332	1,731
Utah	5	1,818	1,092	2,915
Wyoming	11	312	105	428
Alaska	123	631	321	1,075
Arizona	47	3,234	2,006	5,287
California	2,599	136,767	126,858	266,224
Guam	1	43	7	51
Hawaii	603	8,192	3,606	12,401
Idaho	178	782	374	1,334
Nevada	132	672	262	1,066
Oregon	441	4,646	1,100	6,187
Washington	278	7,860	2,503	10,641
US	22,331	414,269	224,277	660,877

**TABLE 24: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims - Average Dollar Amount for New Claims Established - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Avg Dollar Amount for New Fraud Claims Established</b>	<b>Avg Dollar Amount for Household Error Claims Established</b>	<b>Avg Dollar Amount for Agency Error Claims Established</b>	<b>Avg Dollar Amount for All New Claims Established</b>
Connecticut	\$1,641.50	\$474.15	\$191.71	\$314.38
Maine	\$797.72	\$482.26	\$304.50	\$420.78
Massachusetts	\$647.00	\$500.61	\$349.47	\$495.00
New Hampshire	\$1,518.88	\$539.26	\$453.27	\$613.83
New York	\$1,078.24	\$651.37	\$466.18	\$642.73
Rhode Island	\$1,534.28	\$676.13	\$712.32	\$718.02
Vermont	\$1,427.22	\$503.56	\$484.42	\$634.93
Delaware	\$859.79	\$541.95	\$632.19	\$556.84
District of Columbia	N/A	\$707.24	\$368.62	\$690.52
Maryland	\$1,861.72	\$524.61	\$301.71	\$465.16
New Jersey	\$1,105.50	\$628.01	\$397.40	\$624.39
Pennsylvania	N/A	\$323.14	\$275.20	\$317.38
Virgin Islands	N/A	\$506.88	\$258.99	\$433.89
Virginia	\$744.65	\$432.69	\$242.61	\$424.65
West Virginia	\$1,730.52	\$409.57	\$383.56	\$499.46
Alabama	\$614.62	\$948.38	\$342.01	\$627.48
Florida	\$895.32	\$508.56	\$351.30	\$456.81
Georgia	\$868.59	\$644.00	\$191.25	\$486.37
Kentucky	\$1,853.67	\$703.56	\$453.59	\$818.17
Mississippi	\$633.67	\$385.59	\$174.36	\$349.83
North Carolina	\$1,350.91	\$695.38	\$340.14	\$689.37
South Carolina	\$811.83	\$807.34	\$523.13	\$742.63
Tennessee	\$1,715.68	\$811.47	\$452.71	\$856.07
Illinois	N/A	\$1,022.47	\$422.57	\$871.31
Indiana	\$1,894.05	\$807.50	\$447.04	\$852.07
Michigan	\$1,936.48	\$355.11	\$1,535.69	\$729.13
Minnesota	\$884.47	\$437.98	\$276.20	\$411.74
Ohio	\$725.55	\$441.47	\$367.29	\$448.20
Wisconsin	\$752.69	\$522.01	\$269.99	\$483.41
Arkansas	\$1,073.26	\$1,201.66	\$298.24	\$961.34
Louisiana	\$1,721.64	\$651.33	\$625.13	\$700.09
New Mexico	\$1,804.10	\$220.27	\$126.88	\$205.23
Oklahoma	\$2,317.67	\$740.74	\$378.78	\$640.87
Texas	\$820.55	\$419.56	\$363.60	\$432.11
Colorado	\$1,246.87	\$702.19	\$387.80	\$634.31
Iowa	\$607.76	\$518.20	\$186.00	\$362.59
Kansas	\$921.37	\$435.46	\$157.20	\$346.95
Missouri	\$1,979.14	\$723.79	\$458.57	\$667.22
Montana	\$789.68	\$391.86	\$238.43	\$376.58
Nebraska	\$277.00	\$382.48	\$191.36	\$304.42
North Dakota	\$695.73	\$273.44	\$126.98	\$216.50
South Dakota	\$1,276.23	\$242.45	\$176.78	\$256.13
Utah	\$1,403.00	\$655.20	\$317.78	\$530.08
Wyoming	\$1,755.64	\$491.41	\$230.89	\$459.99
Alaska	\$1,087.94	\$449.70	\$421.07	\$514.18
Arizona	\$2,208.32	\$515.83	\$371.87	\$476.25
California	\$1,428.11	\$293.47	\$170.11	\$245.77
Guam	\$1,572.00	\$654.07	\$259.57	\$617.92
Hawaii	\$2,573.05	\$358.74	\$177.81	\$413.80
Idaho	\$1,060.52	\$332.00	\$303.97	\$421.35
Nevada	\$987.39	\$799.37	\$281.30	\$695.32
Oregon	\$618.35	\$757.08	\$551.19	\$710.59
Washington	\$489.24	\$379.24	\$258.67	\$353.75
US	\$1,149.11	\$443.91	\$234.57	\$396.70

**TABLE 25: Food Stamp Program Claims Collected - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Fraud Claims Collected</b>	<b>Household Error Collected</b>	<b>Agency Error Collected</b>	<b>Total Claims Collected</b>
Connecticut	\$377,618	\$1,123,547	\$1,026,695	\$2,527,861
Maine	\$324,325	\$690,024	\$189,305	\$1,203,654
Massachusetts	\$214,250	\$1,150,628	\$248,052	\$1,612,929
New Hampshire	\$147,577	\$211,787	\$77,832	\$437,196
New York	\$1,241,437	\$2,982,493	\$1,560,182	\$5,784,112
Rhode Island	\$80,810	\$620,920	\$30,857	\$732,587
Vermont	\$133,494	\$202,635	\$28,709	\$364,838
Delaware	\$109,896	\$436,768	\$56,665	\$603,328
District of Columbia	\$38,535	\$561,317	\$75,851	\$675,703
Maryland	\$181,885	\$1,543,730	\$620,856	\$2,346,470
New Jersey	\$2,601,047	\$5,060,924	\$812,634	\$8,474,605
Pennsylvania	\$2,369,722	\$13,639,509	\$1,301,680	\$17,310,911
Virgin Islands	\$11,625	\$80,280	\$11,243	\$103,148
Virginia	\$1,064,410	\$1,123,521	\$431,387	\$2,619,319
West Virginia	\$793,014	\$1,717,411	\$586,005	\$3,096,430
Alabama	\$873,893	\$527,566	\$397,230	\$1,798,689
Florida	\$3,110,199	\$4,667,525	\$1,716,902	\$9,494,626
Georgia	\$5,378,904	\$1,082,624	\$1,236,603	\$7,698,131
Kentucky	\$648,550	\$552,782	\$429,502	\$1,630,834
Mississippi	\$2,341,702	\$671,530	\$441,779	\$3,455,011
North Carolina	\$2,167,135	\$1,915,879	\$846,473	\$4,929,487
South Carolina	\$1,170,796	\$2,827,355	\$764,630	\$4,762,782
Tennessee	\$4,334,072	\$3,529,950	\$295,091	\$8,159,113
Illinois	\$1,242,838	\$7,974,710	\$1,791,286	\$11,008,834
Indiana	\$762,298	\$1,424,052	(\$2,737)	\$2,183,613
Michigan	\$3,400,947	\$1,433,476	\$559,625	\$5,394,048
Minnesota	\$1,348,442	\$2,181,219	\$569,374	\$4,099,035
Ohio	\$2,641,441	\$3,764,625	\$1,240,484	\$7,646,551
Wisconsin	\$542,467	\$1,831,256	\$331,588	\$2,705,311
Arkansas	\$886,514	(\$35,587)	\$95,987	\$946,914
Louisiana	\$1,877,974	\$2,540,471	\$561,258	\$4,979,703
New Mexico	\$114,477	\$828,018	\$328,256	\$1,270,752
Oklahoma	\$269,495	\$403,409	\$241,544	\$914,447
Texas	\$4,827,113	\$11,133,903	\$2,402,991	\$18,364,007
Colorado	\$1,092,064	\$662,850	\$572,316	\$2,327,230
Iowa	\$306,924	\$437,384	\$12,917	\$757,226
Kansas	\$936,333	\$761,490	\$406,184	\$2,104,006
Missouri	\$2,100,352	\$2,040,570	\$637,392	\$4,778,313
Montana	\$247,313	\$278,955	\$133,436	\$659,705
Nebraska	\$168,753	\$668,725	\$240,034	\$1,077,512
North Dakota	\$65,612	\$180,292	\$93,785	\$339,689
South Dakota	\$96,894	\$207,539	\$48,868	\$353,301
Utah	\$298,647	\$472,489	\$146,938	\$918,073
Wyoming	\$76,302	\$56,079	\$18,161	\$150,542
Alaska	\$134,714	\$243,950	\$82,900	\$461,563
Arizona	\$277,223	\$1,608,900	\$802,980	\$2,689,103
California	\$5,680,523	\$16,207,745	\$9,352,670	\$31,240,938
Guam	\$49,262	\$50,758	\$9,024	\$109,043
Hawaii	\$405,525	\$1,201,111	\$374,000	\$1,980,636
Idaho	\$286,947	\$257,897	\$120,233	\$665,077
Nevada	\$118,506	\$203,629	\$51,325	\$373,460
Oregon	\$534,445	\$2,346,024	\$382,260	\$3,262,728
Washington	\$440,778	\$2,462,831	\$302,794	\$3,206,402
US	\$60,946,017	\$110,749,472	\$35,094,040	\$206,789,529

**TABLE 26: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims Recouped - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Fraud Claims Recouped</b>	<b>Household Error Recouped</b>	<b>Agency Error Recouped</b>	<b>Total Claims Recouped</b>
Connecticut	\$93,206	\$462,931	\$467,541	\$1,023,679
Maine	\$31,399	\$194,380	\$63,792	\$289,571
Massachusetts	\$39,559	\$250,035	\$97,991	\$387,585
New Hampshire	\$38,755	\$91,098	\$32,344	\$162,197
New York	\$772,543	\$3,998,962	\$1,474,488	\$6,245,993
Rhode Island	\$19,732	\$308,571	\$22,911	\$351,214
Vermont	\$43,544	\$97,871	\$13,513	\$154,929
Delaware	\$26,647	\$154,907	\$18,865	\$200,419
District of Columbia	\$7,374	\$369,766	\$44,728	\$421,868
Maryland	\$64,952	\$749,413	\$364,690	\$1,179,055
New Jersey	\$767,832	\$1,660,964	\$210,320	\$2,639,116
Pennsylvania	\$114,895	\$6,411,939	\$777,626	\$7,304,460
Virgin Islands	\$8,609	\$52,815	\$7,653	\$69,077
Virginia	\$311,586	\$514,258	\$250,981	\$1,076,824
West Virginia	\$241,258	\$885,664	\$316,919	\$1,443,841
Alabama	\$300,939	\$289,424	\$264,115	\$854,478
Florida	\$991,406	\$1,918,216	\$935,804	\$3,845,426
Georgia	\$2,220,470	\$493,335	\$751,659	\$3,465,464
Kentucky	\$223,033	\$359,421	\$278,736	\$861,190
Mississippi	\$1,184,896	\$490,397	\$307,515	\$1,982,808
North Carolina	\$512,755	\$814,471	\$387,838	\$1,715,063
South Carolina	\$638,616	\$1,796,573	\$498,737	\$2,933,926
Tennessee	\$2,017,285	\$2,071,198	\$156,150	\$4,244,633
Illinois	\$468,255	\$4,192,462	\$1,142,084	\$5,802,801
Indiana	\$359,043	\$840,857	\$152,681	\$1,352,581
Michigan	\$1,435,641	\$719,891	\$247,894	\$2,403,426
Minnesota	\$305,965	\$738,059	\$269,244	\$1,313,267
Ohio	\$787,754	\$1,995,153	\$619,461	\$3,402,368
Wisconsin	\$137,903	\$832,117	\$164,519	\$1,134,539
Arkansas	\$162,406	\$65,992	\$34,245	\$262,643
Louisiana	\$722,984	\$1,513,827	\$334,152	\$2,570,963
New Mexico	\$44,582	\$536,154	\$206,871	\$787,607
Oklahoma	\$117,518	\$216,242	\$138,831	\$472,591
Texas	\$1,254,070	\$5,737,320	\$1,398,874	\$8,390,264
Colorado	\$293,772	\$263,850	\$203,930	\$761,552
Iowa	\$80,574	\$156,255	\$0	\$236,829
Kansas	\$284,739	\$424,154	\$236,093	\$944,986
Missouri	\$908,053	\$1,163,094	\$399,211	\$2,470,358
Montana	\$91,977	\$136,445	\$82,416	\$310,838
Nebraska	\$51,575	\$314,883	\$121,697	\$488,155
North Dakota	\$27,260	\$98,616	\$61,699	\$187,575
South Dakota	\$30,510	\$129,626	\$28,769	\$188,905
Utah	\$71,316	\$179,148	\$77,882	\$328,347
Wyoming	\$13,461	\$25,979	\$5,802	\$45,242
Alaska	\$29,863	\$117,120	\$69,284	\$216,267
Arizona	\$82,237	\$770,039	\$399,388	\$1,251,664
California	\$1,121,745	\$8,879,670	\$6,092,846	\$16,094,262
Guam	\$28,625	\$25,585	\$5,775	\$59,985
Hawaii	\$169,371	\$915,342	\$305,519	\$1,390,232
Idaho	\$52,714	\$84,931	\$40,422	\$178,068
Nevada	\$49,237	\$115,065	\$29,524	\$193,826
Oregon	\$213,974	\$1,214,448	\$266,903	\$1,695,325
Washington	\$122,333	\$1,190,733	\$12,330	\$1,325,396
US	\$20,190,749	\$58,029,664	\$20,893,261	\$99,113,674

**TABLE 27: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims Collected - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Claims Recouped</b>	<b>Other State Means of Collection</b>	<b>Federal Debt Collection</b>	<b>Total Claim Collected</b>
Connecticut	\$1,023,679	\$381,851	\$1,122,331	\$2,527,861
Maine	\$289,571	\$368,291	\$545,792	\$1,203,654
Massachusetts	\$387,585	\$473,077	\$752,267	\$1,612,929
New Hampshire	\$162,197	\$127,701	\$147,298	\$437,196
New York	\$6,245,993	(\$461,880)	\$0	\$5,784,112
Rhode Island	\$351,214	\$95,208	\$286,166	\$732,587
Vermont	\$154,929	\$35,220	\$174,690	\$364,838
Delaware	\$200,419	\$116,015	\$286,894	\$603,328
District of Columbia	\$421,868	\$67,639	\$186,196	\$675,703
Maryland	\$1,179,055	\$429,627	\$737,789	\$2,346,470
New Jersey	\$2,639,116	\$1,308,667	\$4,526,823	\$8,474,605
Pennsylvania	\$7,304,460	\$2,659,683	\$7,346,768	\$17,310,911
Virgin Islands	\$69,077	\$28,490	\$5,581	\$103,148
Virginia	\$1,076,824	\$716,136	\$826,359	\$2,619,319
West Virginia	\$1,443,841	\$583,963	\$1,068,626	\$3,096,430
Alabama	\$854,478	\$326,456	\$617,755	\$1,798,689
Florida	\$3,845,426	\$1,493,242	\$4,155,958	\$9,494,626
Georgia	\$3,465,464	\$1,538,121	\$2,694,546	\$7,698,131
Kentucky	\$861,190	\$534,602	\$235,042	\$1,630,834
Mississippi	\$1,982,808	\$319,515	\$1,152,688	\$3,455,011
North Carolina	\$1,715,063	\$970,075	\$2,244,349	\$4,929,487
South Carolina	\$2,933,926	\$1,016,058	\$812,798	\$4,762,782
Tennessee	\$4,244,633	\$940,266	\$2,974,215	\$8,159,113
Illinois	\$5,802,801	\$1,202,654	\$4,003,380	\$11,008,834
Indiana	\$1,352,581	\$189,873	\$641,159	\$2,183,613
Michigan	\$2,403,426	\$1,778,989	\$1,211,633	\$5,394,048
Minnesota	\$1,313,267	\$1,042,945	\$1,742,823	\$4,099,035
Ohio	\$3,402,368	\$1,067,993	\$3,176,189	\$7,646,551
Wisconsin	\$1,134,539	\$452,198	\$1,118,574	\$2,705,311
Arkansas	\$262,643	\$168,709	\$515,562	\$946,914
Louisiana	\$2,570,963	\$396,475	\$2,012,265	\$4,979,703
New Mexico	\$787,607	\$130,933	\$352,212	\$1,270,752
Oklahoma	\$472,591	\$216,386	\$225,470	\$914,447
Texas	\$8,390,264	\$5,848,289	\$4,125,454	\$18,364,007
Colorado	\$761,552	\$704,199	\$861,479	\$2,327,230
Iowa	\$236,829	\$161,692	\$358,704	\$757,226
Kansas	\$944,986	\$386,170	\$772,850	\$2,104,006
Missouri	\$2,470,358	\$498,048	\$1,809,907	\$4,778,313
Montana	\$310,838	\$110,478	\$238,390	\$659,705
Nebraska	\$488,155	\$109,166	\$480,191	\$1,077,512
North Dakota	\$187,575	\$40,086	\$112,028	\$339,689
South Dakota	\$188,905	\$58,490	\$105,906	\$353,301
Utah	\$328,347	\$174,610	\$415,117	\$918,073
Wyoming	\$45,242	\$41,097	\$64,203	\$150,542
Alaska	\$216,267	\$193,272	\$52,024	\$461,563
Arizona	\$1,251,664	\$479,848	\$957,591	\$2,689,103
California	\$16,094,262	\$6,410,371	\$8,736,305	\$31,240,938
Guam	\$59,985	\$40,468	\$8,591	\$109,043
Hawaii	\$1,390,232	\$557,575	\$32,829	\$1,980,636
Idaho	\$178,068	\$274,610	\$212,400	\$665,077
Nevada	\$193,826	\$81,001	\$98,633	\$373,460
Oregon	\$1,695,325	\$544,868	\$1,022,535	\$3,262,728
Washington	\$1,325,396	\$436,978	\$1,444,029	\$3,206,402
US	\$99,113,674	\$37,866,491	\$69,809,364	\$206,789,529

# RANKINGS OF PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE



**TABLE 28: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Persons - FY 2003**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Issuance</b>
1	Texas	1,872,473	717,238	\$1,880,851,630
2	California	1,708,522	661,262	\$1,805,546,523
3	New York	1,435,986	724,420	\$1,676,508,940
4	Florida	1,041,315	502,669	\$987,756,897
5	Illinois	953,929	422,487	\$1,052,739,082
6	Ohio	855,401	379,354	\$878,758,371
7	Michigan	837,629	364,166	\$783,076,440
8	Pennsylvania	822,696	373,597	\$785,458,544
9	Georgia	750,208	314,687	\$782,410,897
10	Tennessee	728,305	314,792	\$721,795,073
11	Louisiana	655,300	250,388	\$685,267,266
12	North Carolina	649,426	276,321	\$645,418,451
13	Missouri	591,532	248,540	\$567,586,196
14	Kentucky	502,677	209,532	\$486,231,294
15	Alabama	472,066	185,028	\$466,123,805
16	Indiana	470,183	196,689	\$483,700,392
17	Arizona	466,151	181,145	\$497,638,214
18	South Carolina	450,556	184,771	\$443,355,574
19	Washington	403,992	192,735	\$394,382,981
20	Oregon	398,377	199,205	\$380,986,642
21	Virginia	392,515	173,691	\$366,217,567
22	Oklahoma	380,299	152,860	\$362,454,708
23	Mississippi	355,783	142,641	\$335,073,821
24	New Jersey	339,047	157,874	\$338,821,016
25	Arkansas	310,359	124,288	\$304,339,830
26	Wisconsin	296,717	119,455	\$233,462,771
27	Massachusetts	292,200	135,195	\$253,770,540
28	Maryland	252,383	114,991	\$256,924,246
29	West Virginia	246,890	105,365	\$216,064,512
30	Minnesota	234,631	110,088	\$227,125,549
31	Colorado	208,053	90,096	\$203,312,158
32	New Mexico	194,795	74,645	\$183,505,381
33	Connecticut	180,512	94,147	\$164,854,160
34	Kansas	160,705	70,845	\$140,386,993
35	Iowa	153,816	66,436	\$149,243,938
36	Maine	132,582	65,760	\$124,070,012
37	Nevada	111,352	49,214	\$112,673,472
38	Utah	105,630	41,282	\$102,205,565
39	Hawaii	100,382	48,766	\$156,191,451
40	Nebraska	99,243	42,507	\$89,301,593
41	District of Columbia	81,777	39,104	\$90,113,910
42	Idaho	81,524	32,428	\$76,579,605
43	Rhode Island	74,068	34,121	\$68,800,619
44	Montana	71,320	30,208	\$68,950,097
45	South Dakota	51,176	20,018	\$50,515,052
46	Alaska	50,687	17,797	\$65,728,367
47	Delaware	46,027	19,141	\$47,791,321
48	New Hampshire	44,783	22,150	\$39,886,906
49	Vermont	41,333	20,519	\$37,629,392
50	North Dakota	39,663	17,273	\$36,702,541
51	Wyoming	25,306	10,205	\$24,054,276
52	Guam	23,934	7,098	\$53,437,307
53	Virgin Islands	12,938	4,394	\$18,494,328
	US	21,259,152	9,153,623	\$21,404,276,216

**TABLE 29: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Households - FY 2003**

Rank	STATE	Persons Participating (Monthly)	Households Participating (Monthly)	Issuance
1	New York	1,435,986	724,420	\$1,676,508,940
2	Texas	1,872,473	717,238	\$1,880,851,630
3	California	1,708,522	661,262	\$1,805,546,523
4	Florida	1,041,315	502,669	\$987,756,897
5	Illinois	953,929	422,487	\$1,052,739,082
6	Ohio	855,401	379,354	\$878,758,371
7	Pennsylvania	822,696	373,597	\$785,458,544
8	Michigan	837,629	364,166	\$783,076,440
9	Tennessee	728,305	314,792	\$721,795,073
10	Georgia	750,208	314,687	\$782,410,897
11	North Carolina	649,426	276,321	\$645,418,451
12	Louisiana	655,300	250,388	\$685,267,266
13	Missouri	591,532	248,540	\$567,586,196
14	Kentucky	502,677	209,532	\$486,231,294
15	Oregon	398,377	199,205	\$380,986,642
16	Indiana	470,183	196,689	\$483,700,392
17	Washington	403,992	192,735	\$394,382,981
18	Alabama	472,066	185,028	\$466,123,805
19	South Carolina	450,556	184,771	\$443,355,574
20	Arizona	466,151	181,145	\$497,638,214
21	Virginia	392,515	173,691	\$366,217,567
22	New Jersey	339,047	157,874	\$338,821,016
23	Oklahoma	380,299	152,860	\$362,454,708
24	Mississippi	355,783	142,641	\$335,073,821
25	Massachusetts	292,200	135,195	\$253,770,540
26	Arkansas	310,359	124,288	\$304,339,830
27	Wisconsin	296,717	119,455	\$233,462,771
28	Maryland	252,383	114,991	\$256,924,246
29	Minnesota	234,631	110,088	\$227,125,549
30	West Virginia	246,890	105,365	\$216,064,512
31	Connecticut	180,512	94,147	\$164,854,160
32	Colorado	208,053	90,096	\$203,312,158
33	New Mexico	194,795	74,645	\$183,505,381
34	Kansas	160,705	70,845	\$140,386,993
35	Iowa	153,816	66,436	\$149,243,938
36	Maine	132,582	65,760	\$124,070,012
37	Nevada	111,352	49,214	\$112,673,472
38	Hawaii	100,382	48,766	\$156,191,451
39	Nebraska	99,243	42,507	\$89,301,593
40	Utah	105,630	41,282	\$102,205,565
41	District of Columbia	81,777	39,104	\$90,113,910
42	Rhode Island	74,068	34,121	\$68,800,619
43	Idaho	81,524	32,428	\$76,579,605
44	Montana	71,320	30,208	\$68,950,097
45	New Hampshire	44,783	22,150	\$39,886,906
46	Vermont	41,333	20,519	\$37,629,392
47	South Dakota	51,176	20,018	\$50,515,052
48	Delaware	46,027	19,141	\$47,791,321
49	Alaska	50,687	17,797	\$65,728,367
50	North Dakota	39,663	17,273	\$36,702,541
51	Wyoming	25,306	10,205	\$24,054,276
52	Guam	23,934	7,098	\$53,437,307
53	Virgin Islands	12,938	4,394	\$18,494,328
	US	21,259,152	9,153,623	\$21,404,276,216

**TABLE 30: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Issuance - FY 2003**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly)</b>	<b>Issuance</b>
1	Texas	1,872,473	717,238	\$1,880,851,630
2	California	1,708,522	661,262	\$1,805,546,523
3	New York	1,435,986	724,420	\$1,676,508,940
4	Illinois	953,929	422,487	\$1,052,739,082
5	Florida	1,041,315	502,669	\$987,756,897
6	Ohio	855,401	379,354	\$878,758,371
7	Pennsylvania	822,696	373,597	\$785,458,544
8	Michigan	837,629	364,166	\$783,076,440
9	Georgia	750,208	314,687	\$782,410,897
10	Tennessee	728,305	314,792	\$721,795,073
11	Louisiana	655,300	250,388	\$685,267,266
12	North Carolina	649,426	276,321	\$645,418,451
13	Missouri	591,532	248,540	\$567,586,196
14	Arizona	466,151	181,145	\$497,638,214
15	Kentucky	502,677	209,532	\$486,231,294
16	Indiana	470,183	196,689	\$483,700,392
17	Alabama	472,066	185,028	\$466,123,805
18	South Carolina	450,556	184,771	\$443,355,574
19	Washington	403,992	192,735	\$394,382,981
20	Oregon	398,377	199,205	\$380,986,642
21	Virginia	392,515	173,691	\$366,217,567
22	Oklahoma	380,299	152,860	\$362,454,708
23	New Jersey	339,047	157,874	\$338,821,016
24	Mississippi	355,783	142,641	\$335,073,821
25	Arkansas	310,359	124,288	\$304,339,830
26	Maryland	252,383	114,991	\$256,924,246
27	Massachusetts	292,200	135,195	\$253,770,540
28	Wisconsin	296,717	119,455	\$233,462,771
29	Minnesota	234,631	110,088	\$227,125,549
30	West Virginia	246,890	105,365	\$216,064,512
31	Colorado	208,053	90,096	\$203,312,158
32	New Mexico	194,795	74,645	\$183,505,381
33	Connecticut	180,512	94,147	\$164,854,160
34	Hawaii	100,382	48,766	\$156,191,451
35	Iowa	153,816	66,436	\$149,243,938
36	Kansas	160,705	70,845	\$140,386,993
37	Maine	132,582	65,760	\$124,070,012
38	Nevada	111,352	49,214	\$112,673,472
39	Utah	105,630	41,282	\$102,205,565
40	District of Columbia	81,777	39,104	\$90,113,910
41	Nebraska	99,243	42,507	\$89,301,593
42	Idaho	81,524	32,428	\$76,579,605
43	Montana	71,320	30,208	\$68,950,097
44	Rhode Island	74,068	34,121	\$68,800,619
45	Alaska	50,687	17,797	\$65,728,367
46	Guam	23,934	7,098	\$53,437,307
47	South Dakota	51,176	20,018	\$50,515,052
48	Delaware	46,027	19,141	\$47,791,321
49	New Hampshire	44,783	22,150	\$39,886,906
50	Vermont	41,333	20,519	\$37,629,392
51	North Dakota	39,663	17,273	\$36,702,541
52	Wyoming	25,306	10,205	\$24,054,276
53	Virgin Islands	12,938	4,394	\$18,494,328
	US	21,259,152	9,153,623	\$21,404,276,216

**TABLE 31: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - Ranked by Benefit per Person - FY 2003**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Person</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Household</b>
1	Guam	\$186.06	\$627.42
2	Hawaii	\$129.66	\$266.90
3	Virgin Islands	\$119.12	\$350.74
4	Alaska	\$108.06	\$307.77
5	New York	\$97.29	\$192.86
6	Illinois	\$91.97	\$207.65
7	District of Columbia	\$91.83	\$192.04
8	Arizona	\$88.96	\$228.93
9	California	\$88.07	\$227.54
10	Louisiana	\$87.14	\$228.07
11	Georgia	\$86.91	\$207.19
12	Delaware	\$86.53	\$208.07
13	Indiana	\$85.73	\$204.94
14	Ohio	\$85.61	\$193.04
15	Maryland	\$84.83	\$186.19
16	Nevada	\$84.32	\$190.79
17	Texas	\$83.71	\$218.53
18	New Jersey	\$83.28	\$178.85
19	North Carolina	\$82.82	\$194.65
20	Tennessee	\$82.59	\$191.08
21	Alabama	\$82.28	\$209.93
22	South Dakota	\$82.26	\$210.29
23	South Carolina	\$82.00	\$199.96
24	Arkansas	\$81.72	\$204.06
25	Colorado	\$81.43	\$188.05
26	Washington	\$81.35	\$170.52
27	Iowa	\$80.86	\$187.20
28	Minnesota	\$80.67	\$171.93
29	Utah	\$80.63	\$206.32
30	Kentucky	\$80.61	\$193.38
31	Montana	\$80.56	\$190.21
32	Missouri	\$79.96	\$190.31
33	Oregon	\$79.70	\$159.38
34	Pennsylvania	\$79.56	\$175.20
35	Oklahoma	\$79.42	\$197.60
36	Wyoming	\$79.21	\$196.42
37	Florida	\$79.05	\$163.75
38	New Mexico	\$78.50	\$204.86
39	Mississippi	\$78.48	\$195.76
40	Idaho	\$78.28	\$196.79
41	Maine	\$77.98	\$157.23
42	Michigan	\$77.91	\$179.19
43	Virginia	\$77.75	\$175.70
44	Rhode Island	\$77.41	\$168.03
45	North Dakota	\$77.11	\$177.07
46	Connecticut	\$76.11	\$145.92
47	Vermont	\$75.87	\$152.82
48	Nebraska	\$74.99	\$175.07
49	New Hampshire	\$74.22	\$150.07
50	West Virginia	\$72.93	\$170.89
51	Kansas	\$72.80	\$165.14
52	Massachusetts	\$72.37	\$156.42
53	Wisconsin	\$65.57	\$162.87
	US	\$83.90	\$194.86

**TABLE 32: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - Ranked by Benefit per Household - FY 2003**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Person</b>	<b>Average Monthly Benefit Per Household</b>
1	Guam	\$186.06	\$627.42
2	Virgin Islands	\$119.12	\$350.74
3	Alaska	\$108.06	\$307.77
4	Hawaii	\$129.66	\$266.90
5	Arizona	\$88.96	\$228.93
6	Louisiana	\$87.14	\$228.07
7	California	\$88.07	\$227.54
8	Texas	\$83.71	\$218.53
9	South Dakota	\$82.26	\$210.29
10	Alabama	\$82.28	\$209.93
11	Delaware	\$86.53	\$208.07
12	Illinois	\$91.97	\$207.65
13	Georgia	\$86.91	\$207.19
14	Utah	\$80.63	\$206.32
15	Indiana	\$85.73	\$204.94
16	New Mexico	\$78.50	\$204.86
17	Arkansas	\$81.72	\$204.06
18	South Carolina	\$82.00	\$199.96
19	Oklahoma	\$79.42	\$197.60
20	Idaho	\$78.28	\$196.79
21	Wyoming	\$79.21	\$196.42
22	Mississippi	\$78.48	\$195.76
23	North Carolina	\$82.82	\$194.65
24	Kentucky	\$80.61	\$193.38
25	Ohio	\$85.61	\$193.04
26	New York	\$97.29	\$192.86
27	District of Columbia	\$91.83	\$192.04
28	Tennessee	\$82.59	\$191.08
29	Nevada	\$84.32	\$190.79
30	Missouri	\$79.96	\$190.31
31	Montana	\$80.56	\$190.21
32	Colorado	\$81.43	\$188.05
33	Iowa	\$80.86	\$187.20
34	Maryland	\$84.83	\$186.19
35	Michigan	\$77.91	\$179.19
36	New Jersey	\$83.28	\$178.85
37	North Dakota	\$77.11	\$177.07
38	Virginia	\$77.75	\$175.70
39	Pennsylvania	\$79.56	\$175.20
40	Nebraska	\$74.99	\$175.07
41	Minnesota	\$80.67	\$171.93
42	West Virginia	\$72.93	\$170.89
43	Washington	\$81.35	\$170.52
44	Rhode Island	\$77.41	\$168.03
45	Kansas	\$72.80	\$165.14
46	Florida	\$79.05	\$163.75
47	Wisconsin	\$65.57	\$162.87
48	Oregon	\$79.70	\$159.38
49	Maine	\$77.98	\$157.23
50	Massachusetts	\$72.37	\$156.42
51	Vermont	\$75.87	\$152.82
52	New Hampshire	\$74.22	\$150.07
53	Connecticut	\$76.11	\$145.92
	US	\$83.90	\$194.86

# COMPARISONS TO PRIOR YEAR



**TABLE 33: Food Stamp Program Participation - Persons - FY 2001 - FY 2003**

	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2001</b>	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2002</b>	<b>Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change FY 2002 - FY 2003</b>
<b>STATE</b>				
Connecticut	157,031	168,591	180,512	7.07%
Maine	104,383	111,147	132,582	19.28%
Massachusetts	219,223	242,542	292,200	20.47%
New Hampshire	35,554	41,053	44,783	9.09%
New York	1,353,542	1,348,677	1,435,986	6.47%
Rhode Island	71,272	71,933	74,068	2.97%
Vermont	38,874	39,914	41,333	3.55%
Delaware	31,886	39,628	46,027	16.15%
District of Columbia	73,494	74,271	81,777	10.11%
Maryland	208,426	228,329	252,383	10.53%
New Jersey	317,579	319,799	339,047	6.02%
Pennsylvania	748,074	766,615	822,696	7.32%
Virgin Islands	13,266	12,447	12,938	3.94%
Virginia	331,688	352,172	392,515	11.46%
West Virginia	221,361	235,736	246,890	4.73%
Alabama	411,292	443,547	472,066	6.43%
Florida	887,256	985,130	1,041,315	5.70%
Georgia	573,537	645,633	750,208	16.20%
Kentucky	412,680	450,102	502,677	11.68%
Mississippi	297,805	324,852	355,783	9.52%
North Carolina	493,672	574,369	649,426	13.07%
South Carolina	315,718	379,310	450,556	18.78%
Tennessee	521,510	598,012	728,305	21.79%
Illinois	825,295	886,344	953,929	7.63%
Indiana	346,681	410,887	470,183	14.43%
Michigan	641,269	750,037	837,629	11.68%
Minnesota	197,727	216,960	234,631	8.14%
Ohio	640,505	734,679	855,401	16.43%
Wisconsin	215,786	262,310	296,717	13.12%
Arkansas	256,978	283,909	310,359	9.32%
Louisiana	518,384	588,458	655,300	11.36%
New Mexico	163,245	170,457	194,795	14.28%
Oklahoma	271,001	316,684	380,299	20.09%
Texas	1,360,642	1,554,428	1,872,473	20.46%
Colorado	153,952	178,490	208,053	16.56%
Iowa	126,494	140,729	153,816	9.30%
Kansas	124,285	140,403	160,705	14.46%
Missouri	454,427	515,006	591,532	14.86%
Montana	61,957	63,347	71,320	12.59%
Nebraska	80,652	88,461	99,243	12.19%
North Dakota	37,755	36,781	39,663	7.84%
South Dakota	44,594	47,663	51,176	7.37%
Utah	79,716	89,899	105,630	17.50%
Wyoming	22,539	23,530	25,306	7.55%
Alaska	37,897	46,166	50,687	9.79%
Arizona	291,369	378,719	466,151	23.09%
California	1,673,365	1,711,332	1,708,522	-0.16%
Guam	22,723	24,457	23,934	-2.14%
Hawaii	108,313	105,147	100,382	-4.53%
Idaho	59,667	69,998	81,524	16.47%
Nevada	69,825	97,035	111,352	14.75%
Oregon	283,705	359,138	398,377	10.93%
Washington	308,589	350,373	403,992	15.30%
US	17,318,458	19,095,637	21,259,152	11.33%

**TABLE 34: Food Stamp Program Participation - Households - FY 2001 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2001</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2002</b>	<b>Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change FY 2002 - FY 2003</b>
Connecticut	81,857	87,963	94,147	7.03%
Maine	53,151	56,376	65,760	16.65%
Massachusetts	104,838	114,859	135,195	17.71%
New Hampshire	17,951	20,452	22,150	8.30%
New York	683,969	687,604	724,420	5.35%
Rhode Island	32,632	33,370	34,121	2.25%
Vermont	19,090	19,809	20,519	3.58%
Delaware	13,602	16,483	19,141	16.12%
District of Columbia	33,344	34,554	39,104	13.17%
Maryland	97,026	104,795	114,991	9.73%
New Jersey	144,067	147,077	157,874	7.34%
Pennsylvania	342,814	350,838	373,597	6.49%
Virgin Islands	4,417	4,181	4,394	5.09%
Virginia	149,417	157,703	173,691	10.14%
West Virginia	94,794	100,359	105,365	4.99%
Alabama	161,372	173,295	185,028	6.77%
Florida	425,955	472,697	502,669	6.34%
Georgia	235,633	263,076	314,687	19.62%
Kentucky	173,102	187,471	209,532	11.77%
Mississippi	115,994	126,389	142,641	12.86%
North Carolina	213,420	244,907	276,321	12.83%
South Carolina	130,055	154,584	184,771	19.53%
Tennessee	226,224	255,900	314,792	23.01%
Illinois	363,570	392,909	422,487	7.53%
Indiana	146,563	171,330	196,689	14.80%
Michigan	285,277	327,853	364,166	11.08%
Minnesota	93,086	101,820	110,088	8.12%
Ohio	292,222	330,844	379,354	14.66%
Wisconsin	86,588	105,747	119,455	12.96%
Arkansas	102,633	113,238	124,288	9.76%
Louisiana	198,248	224,450	250,388	11.56%
New Mexico	62,484	65,875	74,645	13.31%
Oklahoma	113,374	129,934	152,860	17.64%
Texas	500,129	570,337	717,238	25.76%
Colorado	69,408	78,902	90,096	14.19%
Iowa	54,437	60,549	66,436	9.72%
Kansas	56,500	62,896	70,845	12.64%
Missouri	195,480	220,639	248,540	12.65%
Montana	26,481	26,865	30,208	12.45%
Nebraska	34,729	37,571	42,507	13.14%
North Dakota	15,921	15,899	17,273	8.64%
South Dakota	17,160	18,474	20,018	8.36%
Utah	32,647	36,005	41,282	14.66%
Wyoming	9,129	9,545	10,205	6.92%
Alaska	13,184	16,138	17,797	10.28%
Arizona	107,798	143,825	181,145	25.95%
California	624,806	648,315	661,262	2.00%
Guam	6,876	7,436	7,098	-4.55%
Hawaii	50,983	50,442	48,766	-3.32%
Idaho	24,034	28,006	32,428	15.79%
Nevada	32,102	43,556	49,214	12.99%
Oregon	137,199	177,291	199,205	12.36%
Washington	141,387	163,313	192,735	18.02%
US	7,449,156	8,194,746	9,153,623	11.70%

**TABLE 35: Food Stamp Program Participation - Issuance - FY 2001 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Issuance FY 2001</b>	<b>Issuance FY 2002</b>	<b>Issuance FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change FY 2002 - FY 2003</b>
Connecticut	\$135,682,522	\$145,797,723	\$164,854,160	13.07%
Maine	\$86,333,390	\$97,446,679	\$124,070,012	27.32%
Massachusetts	\$172,989,318	\$209,235,751	\$253,770,540	21.28%
New Hampshire	\$28,051,307	\$34,656,997	\$39,886,906	15.09%
New York	\$1,365,352,668	\$1,478,662,757	\$1,676,508,940	13.38%
Rhode Island	\$59,063,899	\$64,256,422	\$68,800,619	7.07%
Vermont	\$31,103,256	\$34,252,771	\$37,629,392	9.86%
Delaware	\$31,926,772	\$39,293,407	\$47,791,321	21.63%
District of Columbia	\$70,340,763	\$75,667,818	\$90,113,910	19.09%
Maryland	\$190,820,637	\$215,189,301	\$256,924,246	19.39%
New Jersey	\$292,111,168	\$314,258,247	\$338,821,016	7.82%
Pennsylvania	\$639,175,011	\$700,337,384	\$785,458,544	12.15%
Virgin Islands	\$17,631,417	\$17,431,363	\$18,494,328	6.10%
Virginia	\$263,295,483	\$305,463,503	\$366,217,567	19.89%
West Virginia	\$178,432,049	\$198,011,265	\$216,064,512	9.12%
Alabama	\$364,735,790	\$417,376,930	\$466,123,805	11.68%
Florida	\$770,726,070	\$878,454,831	\$987,756,897	12.44%
Georgia	\$515,153,023	\$621,290,583	\$782,410,897	25.93%
Kentucky	\$350,489,629	\$410,097,309	\$486,231,294	18.56%
Mississippi	\$254,370,944	\$297,924,799	\$335,073,821	12.47%
North Carolina	\$424,834,876	\$536,423,418	\$645,418,451	20.32%
South Carolina	\$269,270,452	\$351,661,564	\$443,355,574	26.07%
Tennessee	\$454,423,658	\$551,508,090	\$721,795,073	30.88%
Illinois	\$810,104,429	\$923,305,728	\$1,052,739,082	14.02%
Indiana	\$317,040,579	\$408,077,163	\$483,700,392	18.53%
Michigan	\$504,149,597	\$644,577,181	\$783,076,440	21.49%
Minnesota	\$172,484,759	\$200,648,921	\$227,125,549	13.20%
Ohio	\$572,859,721	\$726,310,158	\$878,758,371	20.99%
Wisconsin	\$152,453,480	\$197,330,085	\$233,462,771	18.31%
Arkansas	\$223,351,249	\$264,534,345	\$304,339,830	15.05%
Louisiana	\$482,656,653	\$587,074,354	\$685,267,266	16.73%
New Mexico	\$136,264,416	\$154,364,768	\$183,505,381	18.88%
Oklahoma	\$236,102,011	\$288,441,518	\$362,454,708	25.66%
Texas	\$1,269,894,097	\$1,522,294,908	\$1,880,851,630	23.55%
Colorado	\$130,771,498	\$165,442,169	\$203,312,158	22.89%
Iowa	\$107,294,570	\$128,762,369	\$149,243,938	15.91%
Kansas	\$91,979,416	\$113,271,938	\$140,386,993	23.94%
Missouri	\$394,611,312	\$476,894,198	\$567,586,196	19.02%
Montana	\$53,846,673	\$57,920,256	\$68,950,097	19.04%
Nebraska	\$62,711,292	\$74,384,109	\$89,301,593	20.05%
North Dakota	\$27,125,809	\$31,374,657	\$36,702,541	16.98%
South Dakota	\$39,348,630	\$45,323,818	\$50,515,052	11.45%
Utah	\$66,826,668	\$79,708,928	\$102,205,565	28.22%
Wyoming	\$19,258,510	\$21,538,153	\$24,054,276	11.68%
Alaska	\$46,477,327	\$59,454,787	\$65,728,367	10.55%
Arizona	\$280,402,760	\$385,908,414	\$497,638,214	28.95%
California	\$1,583,142,951	\$1,706,341,758	\$1,805,546,523	5.81%
Guam	\$37,172,243	\$51,815,528	\$53,437,307	3.13%
Hawaii	\$149,759,152	\$151,768,769	\$156,191,451	2.91%
Idaho	\$47,224,586	\$62,014,314	\$76,579,605	23.49%
Nevada	\$65,330,055	\$95,508,198	\$112,673,472	17.97%
Oregon	\$239,553,778	\$319,462,072	\$380,986,642	19.26%
Washington	\$260,877,515	\$317,651,773	\$394,382,981	24.16%
US	\$15,547,389,838	\$18,256,204,249	\$21,404,276,216	17.24%

**TABLE 36: Food Stamp Program Households on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) - FY 2001-2003**

STATE	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2001	% on EBT FY 2001	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2002	% on EBT FY 2002	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2003	% on EBT FY 2003
Connecticut	81,857	100%	87,963	100%	93,988	100%
Maine	0	0%	0	0%	50,918	77%
Massachusetts	104,812	100%	114,840	100%	135,194	100%
New Hampshire	17,951	100%	20,452	100%	22,150	100%
New York	613,045	90%	677,321	99%	719,700	99%
Rhode Island	32,632	100%	33,370	100%	34,121	100%
Vermont	12,237	64%	12,892	65%	13,567	66%
Delaware	0	0%		0%	9,652	50%
District of Columbia	33,344	100%	34,554	100%	39,104	100%
Maryland	97,026	100%	104,795	100%	114,991	100%
New Jersey	144,067	100%	147,077	100%	157,874	100%
Pennsylvania	342,814	100%	350,838	100%	373,597	100%
Virgin Islands	0	0%	0	0%	4,058	92%
Virginia	0	0%	74,040	47%	173,691	100%
West Virginia	0	0%	0	0%	63,103	60%
Alabama	161,372	100%	173,295	100%	185,028	100%
Florida	425,955	100%	472,697	100%	502,669	100%
Georgia	235,633	100%	263,076	100%	314,687	100%
Kentucky	173,102	100%	187,471	100%	209,532	100%
Mississippi	0	0%	33,973	27%	142,641	100%
North Carolina	213,417	100%	244,906	100%	276,107	100%
South Carolina	130,055	100%	154,584	100%	184,771	100%
Tennessee	226,224	100%	255,900	100%	314,792	100%
Illinois	363,551	100%	392,909	100%	422,487	100%
Indiana	17,045	12%	151,551	88%	196,689	100%
Michigan	162,070	57%	327,853	100%	364,166	100%
Minnesota	84,395	91%	91,400	90%	99,363	90%
Ohio	271,756	93%	310,380	94%	357,891	94%
Wisconsin	86,262	100%	105,747	100%	119,455	100%
Arkansas	102,633	100%	113,238	100%	124,288	100%
Louisiana	198,248	100%	224,450	100%	250,388	100%
New Mexico	62,484	100%	65,875	100%	74,645	100%
Oklahoma	113,374	100%	129,934	100%	152,860	100%
Texas	500,129	100%	570,337	100%	717,237	100%
Colorado	69,408	100%	78,902	100%	90,096	100%
Iowa	961	2%	1,379	2%	8,121	12%
Kansas	56,500	100%	62,896	100%	70,844	100%
Missouri	195,463	100%	220,639	100%	248,540	100%
Montana	0	0%	16,378	61%	30,208	100%
Nebraska	0	0%	14,201	38%	42,506	100%
North Dakota	15,921	100%	15,899	100%	17,273	100%
South Dakota	17,160	100%	18,474	100%	20,018	100%
Utah	27,455	84%	32,169	89%	37,747	91%
Wyoming	9,129	100%	9,545	100%	10,205	100%
Alaska	13,178	100%	16,135	100%	17,797	100%
Arizona	107,788	100%	143,822	100%	181,141	100%
California	70,526	11%	75,255	12%	211,386	32%
Guam	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hawaii	50,983	100%	50,442	100%	48,766	100%
Idaho	24,034	100%	28,006	100%	32,428	100%
Nevada	0	0%	16,484	38%	49,214	100%
Oregon	123,895	90%	163,214	92%	184,180	92%
Washington	141,387	100%	163,313	100%	192,735	100%
US	5,922,753	80%	7,027,410	86%	8,476,033	93%

**TABLE 37: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Certification Costs - FY 2002- FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Federal Share Certification Costs - FY 2002</b>	<b>Federal Share Certification Costs - FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Connecticut	\$9,126,739	\$7,700,594	-15.63%
Maine	\$3,508,369	\$3,201,673	-8.74%
Massachusetts	\$27,507,541	\$25,376,592	-7.75%
New Hampshire	\$681,486	\$690,305	1.29%
New York	\$115,678,504	\$111,534,779	-3.58%
Rhode Island	\$1,904,674	\$2,111,079	10.84%
Vermont	\$516,059	\$501,960	-2.73%
Delaware	\$2,109,195	\$2,798,440	32.68%
District of Columbia	\$5,284,827	\$6,711,138	26.99%
Maryland	\$24,204,858	\$24,087,763	-0.48%
New Jersey	\$33,620,612	\$38,827,654	15.49%
Pennsylvania	\$79,327,286	\$79,308,734	-0.02%
Virgin Islands	\$1,888,685	\$2,039,283	7.97%
Virginia	\$48,041,531	\$46,723,306	-2.74%
West Virginia	\$6,859,204	\$7,152,860	4.28%
Alabama	\$15,695,283	\$15,603,651	-0.58%
Florida	\$54,948,157	\$54,012,977	-1.70%
Georgia	\$35,784,961	\$33,342,208	-6.83%
Kentucky	\$20,132,570	\$19,974,364	-0.79%
Mississippi	\$14,542,901	\$14,955,095	2.83%
North Carolina	\$32,013,249	\$34,940,774	9.14%
South Carolina	\$12,140,680	\$12,398,829	2.13%
Tennessee	\$17,719,399	\$17,671,754	-0.27%
Illinois	\$56,484,126	\$46,876,240	-17.01%
Indiana	\$17,563,264	\$17,204,252	-2.04%
Michigan	\$63,660,739	\$63,410,432	-0.39%
Minnesota	\$21,207,743	\$21,670,739	2.18%
Ohio	\$43,612,674	\$42,271,443	-3.08%
Wisconsin	\$13,620,837	\$14,815,448	8.77%
Arkansas	\$13,854,154	\$14,637,701	5.66%
Louisiana	\$29,086,767	\$30,857,276	6.09%
New Mexico	\$9,113,674	\$10,608,503	16.40%
Oklahoma	\$21,754,391	\$22,026,049	1.25%
Texas	\$111,312,311	\$116,147,290	4.34%
Colorado	\$9,689,711	\$10,719,406	10.63%
Iowa	\$8,313,482	\$9,400,112	13.07%
Kansas	\$6,941,388	\$8,016,678	15.49%
Missouri	\$30,163,860	\$28,550,112	-5.35%
Montana	\$2,737,788	\$2,838,496	3.68%
Nebraska	\$8,375,748	\$8,853,581	5.70%
North Dakota	\$2,422,870	\$2,522,475	4.11%
South Dakota	\$2,687,466	\$2,738,195	1.89%
Utah	\$11,733,685	\$10,469,641	-10.77%
Wyoming	\$526,604	\$616,938	17.15%
Alaska	\$5,230,008	\$5,368,259	2.64%
Arizona	\$14,651,549	\$13,597,942	-7.19%
California	\$139,329,239	\$155,824,015	11.84%
Guam	\$1,076,714	\$1,093,162	1.53%
Hawaii	\$5,469,853	\$6,461,666	18.13%
Idaho	\$4,220,263	\$4,168,274	-1.23%
Nevada	\$6,025,843	\$6,594,570	9.44%
Oregon	\$10,003,778	\$10,602,277	5.98%
Washington	\$20,269,005	\$22,561,840	11.31%
US	\$1,254,376,304	\$1,273,188,824	1.50%

**TABLE 38: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Certification Costs per Case per Month - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Federal Share Cert Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2002</b>	<b>Federal Share Cert Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Connecticut	\$8.65	\$6.82	-21.17%
Maine	\$5.19	\$4.06	-21.76%
Massachusetts	\$19.96	\$15.64	-21.62%
New Hampshire	\$2.78	\$2.60	-6.47%
New York	\$14.02	\$12.83	-8.48%
Rhode Island	\$4.76	\$5.16	8.40%
Vermont	\$2.17	\$2.04	-6.10%
Delaware	\$10.66	\$12.18	14.26%
District of Columbia	\$12.75	\$14.30	12.21%
Maryland	\$19.25	\$17.46	-9.31%
New Jersey	\$19.05	\$20.50	7.59%
Pennsylvania	\$18.84	\$17.69	-6.11%
Virgin Islands	\$37.64	\$38.67	2.74%
Virginia	\$25.39	\$22.42	-11.70%
West Virginia	\$5.70	\$5.66	-0.67%
Alabama	\$7.55	\$7.03	-6.89%
Florida	\$9.69	\$8.95	-7.56%
Georgia	\$11.34	\$8.83	-22.11%
Kentucky	\$8.95	\$7.94	-11.23%
Mississippi	\$9.59	\$8.74	-8.88%
North Carolina	\$10.89	\$10.54	-3.26%
South Carolina	\$6.54	\$5.59	-14.56%
Tennessee	\$5.77	\$4.68	-18.93%
Illinois	\$11.98	\$9.25	-22.82%
Indiana	\$8.54	\$7.29	-14.67%
Michigan	\$16.18	\$14.51	-10.33%
Minnesota	\$17.36	\$16.40	-5.49%
Ohio	\$10.99	\$9.29	-15.47%
Wisconsin	\$10.73	\$10.34	-3.71%
Arkansas	\$10.20	\$9.81	-3.74%
Louisiana	\$10.80	\$10.27	-4.90%
New Mexico	\$11.53	\$11.84	2.73%
Oklahoma	\$13.95	\$12.01	-13.94%
Texas	\$16.26	\$13.49	-17.03%
Colorado	\$10.23	\$9.91	-3.12%
Iowa	\$11.44	\$11.79	3.05%
Kansas	\$9.20	\$9.43	2.53%
Missouri	\$11.39	\$9.57	-15.98%
Montana	\$8.49	\$7.83	-7.80%
Nebraska	\$18.58	\$17.36	-6.57%
North Dakota	\$12.70	\$12.17	-4.17%
South Dakota	\$12.12	\$11.40	-5.97%
Utah	\$27.16	\$21.13	-22.18%
Wyoming	\$4.60	\$5.04	9.57%
Alaska	\$27.01	\$25.14	-6.93%
Arizona	\$8.49	\$6.26	-26.31%
California	\$17.91	\$19.64	9.65%
Guam	\$12.07	\$12.84	6.37%
Hawaii	\$9.04	\$11.04	22.19%
Idaho	\$12.56	\$10.71	-14.70%
Nevada	\$11.53	\$11.17	-3.14%
Oregon	\$4.70	\$4.44	-5.68%
Washington	\$10.34	\$9.76	-5.68%
US	\$12.76	\$11.59	-9.13%

**TABLE 39: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total Administrative Costs - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Federal Share Total Admin Cost FY 2002</b>	<b>Federal Share Total Admin Cost FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Connecticut	\$23,204,630	\$20,998,617	-9.51%
Maine	\$8,387,475	\$8,668,482	3.35%
Massachusetts	\$36,302,091	\$32,603,512	-10.19%
New Hampshire	\$5,140,245	\$5,118,386	-0.43%
New York	\$262,900,865	\$255,973,704	-2.63%
Rhode Island	\$6,201,805	\$6,956,002	12.16%
Vermont	\$5,319,384	\$5,780,027	8.66%
Delaware	\$4,689,183	\$6,459,082	37.74%
District of Columbia	\$8,734,613	\$10,824,334	23.92%
Maryland	\$36,032,793	\$34,592,892	-4.00%
New Jersey	\$73,314,485	\$81,406,760	11.04%
Pennsylvania	\$128,275,873	\$136,650,025	6.53%
Virgin Islands	\$3,659,595	\$3,808,535	4.07%
Virginia	\$73,704,194	\$71,541,581	-2.93%
West Virginia	\$11,340,669	\$13,381,944	18.00%
Alabama	\$29,866,015	\$30,137,133	0.91%
Florida	\$80,946,029	\$81,090,350	0.18%
Georgia	\$62,609,246	\$60,860,270	-2.79%
Kentucky	\$26,611,876	\$26,451,561	-0.60%
Mississippi	\$24,553,513	\$25,855,278	5.30%
North Carolina	\$54,657,916	\$55,783,822	2.06%
South Carolina	\$25,211,052	\$22,596,127	-10.37%
Tennessee	\$32,167,979	\$33,360,217	3.71%
Illinois	\$100,717,055	\$86,202,775	-14.41%
Indiana	\$37,987,771	\$37,665,239	-0.85%
Michigan	\$90,435,597	\$86,700,457	-4.13%
Minnesota	\$35,491,229	\$37,822,049	6.57%
Ohio	\$98,124,599	\$101,998,668	3.95%
Wisconsin	\$35,428,891	\$37,863,489	6.87%
Arkansas	\$18,800,861	\$21,155,951	12.53%
Louisiana	\$36,348,848	\$40,165,319	10.50%
New Mexico	\$16,992,839	\$17,038,592	0.27%
Oklahoma	\$29,406,652	\$30,969,607	5.31%
Texas	\$159,672,224	\$175,019,122	9.61%
Colorado	\$22,482,493	\$24,753,104	10.10%
Iowa	\$14,328,293	\$16,381,518	14.33%
Kansas	\$11,892,354	\$14,675,541	23.40%
Missouri	\$43,681,241	\$42,243,539	-3.29%
Montana	\$7,306,930	\$7,013,243	-4.02%
Nebraska	\$11,590,694	\$14,022,263	20.98%
North Dakota	\$5,345,516	\$5,248,852	-1.81%
South Dakota	\$5,747,769	\$5,634,879	-1.96%
Utah	\$17,740,389	\$15,935,735	-10.17%
Wyoming	\$3,654,888	\$3,854,806	5.47%
Alaska	\$7,413,381	\$7,780,401	4.95%
Arizona	\$25,781,648	\$26,082,043	1.17%
California	\$348,453,110	\$403,934,848	15.92%
Guam	\$3,122,179	\$3,429,388	9.84%
Hawaii	\$9,247,666	\$10,306,967	11.45%
Idaho	\$7,707,514	\$7,477,877	-2.98%
Nevada	\$9,173,681	\$10,500,814	14.47%
Oregon	\$35,710,052	\$31,372,957	-12.15%
Washington	\$34,673,257	\$37,510,120	8.18%
US	\$2,308,291,147	\$2,391,658,804	3.61%

**TABLE 40: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total Cost per Case per Month - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

	Federal Share Total Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2002	Federal Share Total Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2003	Percent Change
<b>STATE</b>			
Connecticut	\$21.98	\$18.59	-15.45%
Maine	\$12.40	\$10.98	-11.40%
Massachusetts	\$26.34	\$20.10	-23.70%
New Hampshire	\$20.94	\$19.26	-8.06%
New York	\$31.86	\$29.45	-7.58%
Rhode Island	\$15.49	\$16.99	9.69%
Vermont	\$22.38	\$23.47	4.90%
Delaware	\$23.71	\$28.12	18.62%
District of Columbia	\$21.07	\$23.07	9.50%
Maryland	\$28.65	\$25.07	-12.51%
New Jersey	\$41.54	\$42.97	3.44%
Pennsylvania	\$30.47	\$30.48	0.04%
Virgin Islands	\$72.94	\$72.23	-0.97%
Virginia	\$38.95	\$34.32	-11.87%
West Virginia	\$9.42	\$10.58	12.39%
Alabama	\$14.36	\$13.57	-5.49%
Florida	\$14.27	\$13.44	-5.79%
Georgia	\$19.83	\$16.12	-18.74%
Kentucky	\$11.83	\$10.52	-11.07%
Mississippi	\$16.19	\$15.11	-6.70%
North Carolina	\$18.60	\$16.82	-9.54%
South Carolina	\$13.59	\$10.19	-25.01%
Tennessee	\$10.48	\$8.83	-15.70%
Illinois	\$21.36	\$17.00	-20.40%
Indiana	\$18.48	\$15.96	-13.63%
Michigan	\$22.99	\$19.84	-13.69%
Minnesota	\$29.05	\$28.63	-1.44%
Ohio	\$24.72	\$22.41	-9.34%
Wisconsin	\$27.92	\$26.41	-5.39%
Arkansas	\$13.84	\$14.18	2.52%
Louisiana	\$13.50	\$13.37	-0.95%
New Mexico	\$21.50	\$19.02	-11.51%
Oklahoma	\$18.86	\$16.88	-10.48%
Texas	\$23.33	\$20.33	-12.84%
Colorado	\$23.75	\$22.90	-3.58%
Iowa	\$19.72	\$20.55	4.20%
Kansas	\$15.76	\$17.26	9.56%
Missouri	\$16.50	\$14.16	-14.15%
Montana	\$22.67	\$19.35	-14.64%
Nebraska	\$25.71	\$27.49	6.93%
North Dakota	\$28.02	\$25.32	-9.62%
South Dakota	\$25.93	\$23.46	-9.53%
Utah	\$41.06	\$32.17	-21.65%
Wyoming	\$31.91	\$31.48	-1.35%
Alaska	\$38.28	\$36.43	-4.83%
Arizona	\$14.94	\$12.00	-19.68%
California	\$44.79	\$50.90	13.65%
Guam	\$34.99	\$40.27	15.08%
Hawaii	\$15.28	\$17.61	15.28%
Idaho	\$22.93	\$19.22	-16.21%
Nevada	\$17.55	\$17.78	1.31%
Oregon	\$16.79	\$13.12	-21.81%
Washington	\$17.69	\$16.22	-8.33%
US	\$23.47	\$21.77	-7.24%

**TABLE 41 Food Stamp Program Total Fair Hearings - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

	Fair Hearings Completed FY 2002	Fair Hearings Completed FY 2003	Percent Change
<b>STATE</b>			
Connecticut	336	296	-12%
Maine	52	19	-63%
Massachusetts	691	653	-5%
New Hampshire	1	9	800%
New York	3,806	5,252	38%
Rhode Island	26	27	4%
Vermont	19	31	63%
Delaware	35	31	-11%
District of Columbia	21	30	43%
Maryland	0	132	N/A
New Jersey	60	52	-13%
Pennsylvania	4,995	5,737	15%
Virgin Islands	1	7	600%
Virginia	323	334	3%
West Virginia	84	66	-21%
Alabama	120	131	9%
Florida	696	745	7%
Georgia	1,878	1,394	-26%
Kentucky	71	75	6%
Mississippi	214	210	-2%
North Carolina	743	799	8%
South Carolina	150	143	-5%
Tennessee	153	172	12%
Illinois	303	235	-22%
Indiana	208	173	-17%
Michigan	724	584	-19%
Minnesota	363	410	13%
Ohio	12,152	3,089	-75%
Wisconsin	611	610	0%
Arkansas	473	440	-7%
Louisiana	285	272	-5%
New Mexico	199	147	-26%
Oklahoma	29	31	7%
Texas	3,632	4,478	23%
Colorado	35	186	431%
Iowa	88	116	32%
Kansas	107	118	10%
Missouri	1,120	383	-66%
Montana	109	191	75%
Nebraska	169	149	-12%
North Dakota	2	9	350%
South Dakota	17	11	-35%
Utah	96	91	-5%
Wyoming	13	7	-46%
Alaska	11	13	18%
Arizona	250	292	17%
California	5,984	6,328	6%
Guam	0	0	N/A
Hawaii	34	137	303%
Idaho	22	28	27%
Nevada	38	38	0%
Oregon	113	111	-2%
Washington	238	212	-11%
US	41,905	35,234	-16%

**TABLE 42: Food Stamp Program - Fraud Investigations - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Investigations Completed FY 2002</b>	<b>Total Investigations Completed FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Connecticut	4,549	3,835	-15.70%
Maine	1,745	370	-78.80%
Massachusetts	5,697	5,050	-11.36%
New Hampshire	796	841	5.65%
New York	138,891	141,181	1.65%
Rhode Island	2,114	2,470	16.84%
Vermont	306	377	23.20%
Delaware	48,584	53,534	10.19%
District of Columbia	1,005	906	-9.85%
Maryland	6,268	4,837	-22.83%
New Jersey	15,139	15,821	4.50%
Pennsylvania	43,297	43,348	0.12%
Virgin Islands	1,674	1,810	8.12%
Virginia	8,411	9,652	14.75%
West Virginia	2,623	3,372	28.56%
Alabama	1,534	1,652	7.69%
Florida	48,908	67,844	38.72%
Georgia	26,112	27,126	3.88%
Kentucky	1,037	609	-41.27%
Mississippi	1,606	0	-100.00%
North Carolina	11,193	11,007	-1.66%
South Carolina	7,193	0	-100.00%
Tennessee	35,154	32,558	-7.38%
Illinois	867	748	-13.73%
Indiana	1,370	993	-27.52%
Michigan	2,859	1,971	-31.06%
Minnesota	4,948	7,148	44.46%
Ohio	25,624	30,123	17.56%
Wisconsin	5,598	5,463	-2.41%
Arkansas	7,118	7,426	4.33%
Louisiana	2,142	1,655	-22.74%
New Mexico	306	260	-15.03%
Oklahoma	1,366	1,759	28.77%
Texas	9,063	11,424	26.05%
Colorado	2,881	6,762	134.71%
Iowa	1,205	584	-51.54%
Kansas	1,939	2,531	30.53%
Missouri	2,049	2,137	4.29%
Montana	44	965	2093.18%
Nebraska	344	455	32.27%
North Dakota	5	0	-100.00%
South Dakota	446	480	7.62%
Utah	7,771	8,180	5.26%
Wyoming	349	355	1.72%
Alaska	1,116	1,223	9.59%
Arizona	14,950	16,899	13.04%
California	304,414	306,483	0.68%
Guam	167	129	-22.75%
Hawaii	904	784	-13.27%
Idaho	497	300	-39.64%
Nevada	2,319	2,074	-10.56%
Oregon	2,483	1,954	-21.30%
Washington	14,817	14,348	-3.17%
US	833,797	863,813	3.60%

**TABLE 43: Food Stamp Program - Total Disqualifications - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Disqualified FY 2002</b>	<b>Total Disqualified FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Connecticut	239	102	-57.32%
Maine	168	76	-54.76%
Massachusetts	648	436	-32.72%
New Hampshire	79	91	15.19%
New York	3,211	2,606	-18.84%
Rhode Island	6	26	333.33%
Vermont	96	95	-1.04%
Delaware	119	85	-28.57%
District of Columbia	83	28	-66.27%
Maryland	914	495	-45.84%
New Jersey	2,501	2,420	-3.24%
Pennsylvania	1,693	1,675	-1.06%
Virgin Islands	16	18	12.50%
Virginia	1,598	1,474	-7.76%
West Virginia	648	427	-34.10%
Alabama	496	678	36.69%
Florida	4,011	4,735	18.05%
Georgia	6,446	6,539	1.44%
Kentucky	199	175	-12.06%
Mississippi	3,292	3,720	13.00%
North Carolina	2,036	2,134	4.81%
South Carolina	1,491	1,968	31.99%
Tennessee	3,516	2,351	-33.13%
Illinois	1,324	948	-28.40%
Indiana	328	305	-7.01%
Michigan	3,183	1,699	-46.62%
Minnesota	413	1,026	148.43%
Ohio	3,060	2,785	-8.99%
Wisconsin	141	182	29.08%
Arkansas	529	601	13.61%
Louisiana	2,001	1,404	-29.84%
New Mexico	93	114	22.58%
Oklahoma	205	385	87.80%
Texas	5,525	6,286	13.77%
Colorado	793	624	-21.31%
Iowa	245	129	-47.35%
Kansas	688	761	10.61%
Missouri	914	1,439	57.44%
Montana	434	731	68.43%
Nebraska	185	181	-2.16%
North Dakota	137	113	-17.52%
South Dakota	119	103	-13.45%
Utah	295	239	-18.98%
Wyoming	126	155	23.02%
Alaska	192	172	-10.42%
Arizona	73	98	34.25%
California	5,076	4,706	-7.29%
Guam	20	24	20.00%
Hawaii	614	721	17.43%
Idaho	274	281	2.55%
Nevada	210	223	6.19%
Oregon	292	391	33.90%
Washington	39	20	-48.72%
US	61,034	59,200	-3.00%

**TABLE 44: Food Stamp Program - Recipient Claims Established - FY 2002- FY 2003**

	<b>Total Claims Established FY 2002</b>	<b>Total Claims Established FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE</b>			
Connecticut	\$2,897,708	\$1,909,559	-34.10%
Maine	\$869,760	\$125,393	-85.58%
Massachusetts	\$1,319,866	\$873,677	-33.81%
New Hampshire	\$481,186	\$475,106	-1.26%
New York	\$11,413,807	\$12,727,945	11.51%
Rhode Island	\$955,768	\$759,667	-20.52%
Vermont	\$361,671	\$412,069	13.93%
Delaware	\$705,419	\$547,926	-22.33%
District of Columbia	\$616,217	\$740,926	20.24%
Maryland	\$3,270,328	\$3,363,125	2.84%
New Jersey	\$6,835,175	\$6,793,954	-0.60%
Pennsylvania	\$18,588,681	\$17,404,093	-6.37%
Virgin Islands	\$160,472	\$148,823	-7.26%
Virginia	\$2,927,711	\$2,976,405	1.66%
West Virginia	\$3,424,072	\$3,830,349	11.87%
Alabama	\$2,098,197	\$2,265,829	7.99%
Florida	\$10,184,732	\$10,621,291	4.29%
Georgia	\$8,956,712	\$9,935,008	10.92%
Kentucky	\$2,163,017	\$2,519,954	16.50%
Mississippi	\$3,440,818	\$2,546,748	-25.98%
North Carolina	\$6,366,727	\$5,859,674	-7.96%
South Carolina	\$5,622,029	\$8,001,065	42.32%
Tennessee	\$9,659,290	\$9,540,946	-1.23%
Illinois	\$13,609,393	\$13,634,224	0.18%
Indiana	\$3,432,581	\$3,484,095	1.50%
Michigan	\$2,576,510	\$2,425,825	-5.85%
Minnesota	\$4,010,686	\$4,611,123	14.97%
Ohio	\$6,909,138	\$7,555,737	9.36%
Wisconsin	\$3,055,041	\$3,140,219	2.79%
Arkansas	\$964,099	\$759,458	-21.23%
Louisiana	\$4,276,406	\$3,425,525	-19.90%
New Mexico	\$1,539,154	\$1,331,333	-13.50%
Oklahoma	\$876,171	\$957,453	9.28%
Texas	\$21,212,505	\$20,424,686	-3.71%
Colorado	\$2,118,499	\$2,083,071	-1.67%
Iowa	\$890,484	\$721,198	-19.01%
Kansas	\$2,014,372	\$2,751,993	36.62%
Missouri	\$3,539,175	\$3,225,326	-8.87%
Montana	\$758,183	\$685,755	-9.55%
Nebraska	\$992,251	\$908,397	-8.45%
North Dakota	\$377,533	\$352,895	-6.53%
South Dakota	\$337,925	\$443,364	31.20%
Utah	\$1,236,800	\$1,545,182	24.93%
Wyoming	\$122,553	\$196,875	60.64%
Alaska	\$604,598	\$552,741	-8.58%
Arizona	\$1,905,908	\$2,517,955	32.11%
California	\$69,119,794	\$65,429,171	-5.34%
Guam	\$26,432	\$31,514	19.23%
Hawaii	\$1,111,534	\$5,131,552	361.66%
Idaho	\$445,855	\$562,080	26.07%
Nevada	\$1,400,847	\$741,211	-47.09%
Oregon	\$4,420,093	\$4,396,409	-0.54%
Washington	\$2,665,933	\$3,764,245	41.20%
US	\$259,869,817	\$262,170,146	0.89%

**TABLE 45: Food Stamp Program - Recipient Claims Collected - FY 2002 - FY 2003**

	<b>Total Claims Collected FY 2002</b>	<b>Total Claims Collected FY 2003</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE</b>			
Connecticut	\$1,824,057	\$2,527,861	38.58%
Maine	\$1,436,342	\$1,203,654	-16.20%
Massachusetts	\$1,445,134	\$1,612,929	11.61%
New Hampshire	\$454,955	\$437,196	-3.90%
New York	\$8,099,987	\$5,784,112	-28.59%
Rhode Island	\$711,771	\$732,587	2.92%
Vermont	\$305,355	\$364,838	19.48%
Delaware	\$857,280	\$603,328	-29.62%
District of Columbia	\$708,795	\$675,703	-4.67%
Maryland	\$2,869,132	\$2,346,470	-18.22%
New Jersey	\$5,981,661	\$8,474,605	41.68%
Pennsylvania	\$17,178,492	\$17,310,911	0.77%
Virgin Islands	\$99,813	\$103,148	3.34%
Virginia	\$2,457,208	\$2,619,319	6.60%
West Virginia	\$3,043,832	\$3,096,430	1.73%
Alabama	\$2,514,336	\$1,798,689	-28.46%
Florida	\$9,495,599	\$9,494,626	-0.01%
Georgia	\$7,527,789	\$7,698,131	2.26%
Kentucky	\$1,435,829	\$1,630,834	13.58%
Mississippi	\$3,669,453	\$3,455,011	-5.84%
North Carolina	\$4,768,455	\$4,929,487	3.38%
South Carolina	\$4,426,799	\$4,762,782	7.59%
Tennessee	\$7,902,979	\$8,159,113	3.24%
Illinois	\$11,603,920	\$11,008,834	-5.13%
Indiana	\$2,955,024	\$2,183,613	-26.11%
Michigan	\$5,679,967	\$5,394,048	-5.03%
Minnesota	\$4,507,222	\$4,099,035	-9.06%
Ohio	\$5,304,300	\$7,646,551	44.16%
Wisconsin	\$2,311,951	\$2,705,311	17.01%
Arkansas	\$867,983	\$946,914	9.09%
Louisiana	\$5,986,669	\$4,979,703	-16.82%
New Mexico	\$1,153,950	\$1,270,752	10.12%
Oklahoma	\$818,821	\$914,447	11.68%
Texas	\$19,568,184	\$18,364,007	-6.15%
Colorado	\$2,233,694	\$2,327,230	4.19%
Iowa	\$932,793	\$757,226	-18.82%
Kansas	\$2,063,330	\$2,104,006	1.97%
Missouri	\$5,018,241	\$4,778,313	-4.78%
Montana	\$635,993	\$659,705	3.73%
Nebraska	\$1,229,719	\$1,077,512	-12.38%
North Dakota	\$384,487	\$339,689	-11.65%
South Dakota	\$290,899	\$353,301	21.45%
Utah	\$787,941	\$918,073	16.52%
Wyoming	\$180,437	\$150,542	-16.57%
Alaska	\$343,756	\$461,563	34.27%
Arizona	\$4,057,520	\$2,689,103	-33.73%
California	\$31,613,069	\$31,240,938	-1.18%
Guam	\$129,490	\$109,043	-15.79%
Hawaii	\$1,466,825	\$1,980,636	35.03%
Idaho	\$639,596	\$665,077	3.98%
Nevada	\$630,573	\$373,460	-40.77%
Oregon	\$3,409,746	\$3,262,728	-4.31%
Washington	\$2,596,521	\$3,206,402	23.49%
US	\$208,617,674	\$206,789,529	-0.88%

# MULTI-YEAR NATIONAL DATA



**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ISSUANCE AND PARTICIPATION - FY 1998 - 2003**

	<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>
<b><u>TOTAL PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE</u></b>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	19.80	18.2	17.2	17.3	19.1	21.3
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.4	8.2	9.2
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$16,901	\$15,769	\$14,983	\$15,547	\$18,256	\$21,404
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON	\$71.18	\$72.27	\$72.62	\$74.81	\$79.67	\$83.90
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER HSHLD	\$170.81	\$171.37	\$169.85	\$173.93	\$185.65	\$194.86
<b><u>EBT</u></b>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	7.8	10.8	12.5	13.7	16.3	19.6
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	3.2	4.5	5.4	5.9	7	8.5
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$6,677	\$9,422	\$11,041	\$12,323	\$15,561	\$19,727
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	39.51%	59.75%	73.69%	79.26%	85.24%	92.17%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	39.02%	58.44%	72.97%	79.73%	85.37%	92.39%
<b><u>COUPON</u></b>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	11.5	7.1	4.4	3.5	2.7	1.6
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	4.9	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.6
COUPON ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$9,924	\$6,125	\$3,754	\$3,125	\$2,657	\$1,635
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	58.72%	38.84%	25.06%	20.10%	14.55%	7.64%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	59.76%	38.96%	24.32%	18.92%	13.41%	6.52%
<b><u>CASH-OUT</u></b>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$299	\$222	\$189	\$99	\$38	\$43
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	1.77%	1.41%	1.26%	0.64%	0.21%	0.20%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	2.44%	1.30%	1.35%	1.35%	1.22%	1.09%

NOTE: TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

Source: FNS-388/46

Data as of 10/25/05

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM RECIPIENT FRAUD ACTIVITY - FY 1998 - 2003**

	<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>
<b><u>INVESTIGATIONS</u></b>						
INV COMPLETED	918,305	828,477	855,335	864,282	833,797	863,813
FRAUD \$ DETERMINED BY INV (IN MIL \$)	\$115.30	\$116.90	\$78.30	\$77.90	\$77.80	\$72.60
<b><u>PROSECUTIONS</u></b>						
PROS. COMPLETED	24,558	22,084	20,114	13,576	12,448	9,550
DISQ CONSENT AGRMNTS	19,434	19,056	15,786	10,208	10,075	9,678
FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$49.9	\$44.7	\$40.7	\$46.4	\$27.1	\$24.6
PERSONS DISQUALIFIED	43,569	40,632	35,524	23,323	22,183	18,821
<b><u>FRAUD HEARINGS</u></b>						
HEARINGS HELD	24,656	23,792	21,319	20,379	14,582	14,896
WAIVED HEARINGS	32,842	30,969	27,184	26,653	25,334	26,583
FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$39.2	\$44.2	\$37.3	\$34.4	\$33.2	\$32.6
PERSONS DISQUALIFIED	55,920	53,103	47,149	45,405	38,831	40,379
<b><u>TOTALS (PROSECUTIONS &amp; HEARINGS)</u></b>						
TOTAL DISQUALIFIED	99,489	93,735	81,580	68,728	61,034	59,200
TOTAL FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$89.1	\$88.9	\$78.0	\$80.8	\$60.3	\$57.2
<b><u>RECIPIENT CLAIMS</u></b>						
<b><u>CLAIMS ESTABLISHED (IN MIL \$)</u></b>						
FRAUD 1/	\$42.3	\$41.1	\$31.6	\$23.6	\$25.6	\$25.7
NONFRAUD	\$252.1	\$266.7	\$218.9	\$229.8	\$234.3	\$236.5
TOTAL	\$294.4	\$307.8	\$250.5	\$253.4	\$259.9	\$262.2
<b><u>CLAIMS COLLECTED (IN MIL \$)</u></b>						
FRAUD	\$63.2	\$64.9	\$69.6	\$64.0	\$62.6	\$60.9
NONFRAUD	\$136.3	\$148.3	\$150.1	\$143.9	\$146.0	\$145.8
TOTAL	\$186.0	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8

TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

1/ SOME STATES ESTABLISH POTENTIAL FRAUD CLAIMS AS HOUSEHOLD ERROR CLAIMS INITIALLY AND THEN TRANSFER THE CLAIM FROM INADVERTENT HOUSEHOLD ERROR TO FRAUD CLAIM AFTER THE PROSECUTION OR FRAUD HEARING. THUS, THE SUM OF THE FRAUD INVOLVED FROM PROSECUTION AND FRAUD HEARINGS IS A BETTER MEASURE OF THE AMOUNT OF FRAUD CLAIMS ULTIMATELY ESTABLISHED.

SOURCE: FNS-366B AND FNS-209

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**CLAIMS AND COLLECTIONS IN MILLIONS \$ EXCEPT AVERAGE DOLLAR AMOUNT PER CLAIM**

	<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>
<b><u>NEW CLAIMS ESTABLISHED</u></b>						
FRAUD	\$42.3	\$41.1	\$31.6	\$23.6	\$25.6	\$25.7
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$209.1	\$212.8	\$176.1	\$172.7	\$175.7	\$183.9
AGENCY ERROR	\$43.0	\$53.9	\$42.8	\$57.1	\$58.6	\$52.6
TOTAL	\$294.4	\$307.8	\$250.5	\$253.4	\$259.9	\$262.2
<b><u>CLAIMS COLLECTED</u></b>						
FRAUD	\$63.2	\$64.9	\$69.6	\$64.0	\$62.6	\$60.9
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$106.5	\$110.2	\$115.4	\$111.1	\$111.5	\$110.7
AGENCY ERROR	\$29.8	\$38.1	\$35.0	\$23.8	\$34.5	\$35.1
TOTAL	\$199.6	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8
STATE SHARE OF COLL	\$43.4	\$44.8	\$47.4	\$44.6	\$44.2	\$43.5
FNS SHARE OF COLL	\$156.2	\$168.3	\$172.2	\$163.3	\$164.4	\$163.3
<b><u>COLLECTIONS BY COLLECTION METHOD</u></b>						
RECOUPED	\$86.0	\$83.7	\$79.7	\$81.0	\$88.1	\$99.1
FEDERAL COLL	\$72.2	\$89.3	\$100.8	\$79.4	\$75.0	\$69.8
OTHER	\$41.4	\$40.1	\$39.1	\$47.4	\$45.5	\$37.9
TOTAL	\$199.6	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8
<b><u>AVERAGE DOLLAR AMOUNT PER CLAIM FOR NEW CLAIMS ESTABLISHED (ACTUAL DOLLARS)</u></b>						
FRAUD	\$983	\$1,011	\$999	\$1,105	\$1,082	\$1,149
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$477	\$481	\$469	\$461	\$445	\$444
AGENCY ERROR	\$241	\$227	\$243	\$229	\$220	\$235
ALL CLAIMS	\$446	\$427	\$430	\$393	\$380	\$397

TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

SOURCE: FNS-209/FNS FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTIONS BIWEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

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**END NOTES**

**State Participation and Issuance**

Data presented in this section is derived from the FNS 388, FNS 46 or a combination thereof. In some instances, totals for person/households may not add due to rounding. When participation by benefit type is presented, the benefit type is based on the initial issuance and is averaged for the months the system operated. Negative issuances may occasionally be cited; negative issuances occur when benefits issued under a subsequently terminated issuance system are returned in the next fiscal year. Data can also include conversions from one benefit type to another.

**Administrative Costs**

Administrative Cost data cited in this section is derived from the SF-269; monthly participation data comes from the FNS-388. South Carolina's administrative cost data used in this report was as of 6/2004; the State agency is in the process of submitting a revised report.

**Fair Hearings**

Fair Hearings data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-366B.

**Fraud Investigations, Prosecutions, and Administrative Disqualification Hearings**

Fraud Investigations, Prosecutions, and Administrative Disqualification Hearings data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-366B.

**Disqualified Recipients – Federal Data Base Status**

The data cited in this section is derived from the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS) - a Federal system of records that is used to identify individuals with a prior disqualification record for penalty determination purposes and individuals who are currently serving a disqualification period from another State. DRS includes both current year and historical disqualifications.

**Recipient Claims**

Claims data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-209; Federal debt collection data is derived from the FNS Federal Debt Collection Biweekly Collection Report. All recoupment amounts are included in collections data.

Data on new claims established is included in Tables 22, 23 and 24. When referring to data in these tables it should be noted that some States show no or low fraud claims newly established because they establish such claims as household error and subsequently transfer the claim to fraud after the court or hearing officer's determination. Therefore we recommend that the data in Tables 16, 18, and 20 (amount of fraud determined from prosecutions and administrative disqualification hearings and number of

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fraud determinations) be used as a better measure of the amount of fraud claims ultimately established. Data included in Table 27 (Recipient Claims Collected) includes total claims recouped as well as Federal Debt Collection amounts and other means of collection employed by State agencies.

Calculations for other means of collection employed by State agencies include all State methods except for recoupment and Federal collections from the Treasury Offset Program minus all refunds and negative adjustments. Calculations for Federal Debt Collection amounts include Treasury Offset Program collections but not voluntary payments and offset fees paid by the client. Totals represented are for calendar year 2003 – however 98% of Federal collections occurred during FY 2003. Some offsets are subject to refunds.

**Rankings of Participation and Issuance**

Please refer to the explanations above for the sources of various data cited in this section. Note that totals for persons and households may not add due to rounding.

**Comparison to Prior Years**

Please refer to the explanations above for the sources of various data cited in this section.